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THE BANK will be closed on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant that day being a Public Holiday (Aksharam) under the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881.

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to the Order made by the High Court of Judicature, at Bombay, the undersigned invites offers for the purchase from him of a broker's card of the Native Share Brokers' Association, Bombay, belonging to the Estate of the deceased father of the minor. Intending purchasers will please send their offers to the undersigned in a sealed cover on or before 1st October 1920.

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"To receive and adopt the Statutory Report and Audited Statement of Capital Account as at 23rd August, 1920."

Dated Bombay, 8th September, 1920.

By Order of the Board,
ALLEN BROS. & Co. (India), Ltd., Agents.

NOTICE.

THE TOOLSDAS TEJAL MILLS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be OPENED on the 23rd September, 1920, at the registered office of the Company, 72, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

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23rd June 1920.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office in Inam Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of October, 1920, at 5 p.m. (Standard Time) for the transaction of the following business:—

1. To receive the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1920.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To confirm the appointment of Sir Vithaldas D. Thackeray, Kt. as Director of the Company.
4. To elect Directors in the place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
5. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 24th September to Thursday, the 7th October 1920 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MORARJEE GOULDAS & Co., Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents.
Inam Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, 18th Sept. 1920.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE TOOLSDAS TEJAL MILLS, LIMITED.

CIRCULAR.

PURSUANT to the resolution of the Board of Directors of the above Company passed at their Meeting held on the 20th of September, 1920, Notice is hereby given to those shareholders who have not sent in their allotment money in respect of number of shares standing in their names in the Company's Register to pay the same on or before the 11th of October 1920 and in case of their non-payment within due date their shares will be liable to be forfeited.

By Order of,
The Board of Directors,
CHHOTALAL JAGJIWAN & CO., Agents.

Dated, 21st September, 1920.
72, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

LOST.

3 SHARE CERTIFICATES of the Currumbay Mills Co., Ltd., bearing Nos. 8289 standing in the name of Mohand Kasturchand and Nos. 7956, 6951 standing in the name of Manilal Mohanlal lost by one of the clerks of Ramdas Gargadass certified share broker, the Bombay Stock Exchange, Ltd.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the company will be CLOSED from the 24th day of September, 1920, to 30th day of September, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Krishna Building, Fort, Bombay.

20th Sept., 1920.

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Dated this 7th day of September, 1920.

THE JUPITER GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2nd ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, Great Western Road, 3, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, 22nd September, 1920, at 5 p.m. (Standard Time) for the transaction of the following business:—

(1) To adopt the Directors' Report, the Audited Revenue Accounts, Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the period ending 30th June 1920.
(2) To appoint Directors in place of Directors who retire from Office but are eligible for re-election.
(3) To appoint Auditors for period after 31st December 1920 and to fix their remuneration.
(4) To transact such other business as may be brought forward by the Directors.

By Order of the Board,
LALJI NARANJI & CO., Managing Agents.

NOTICE is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 13th September 1920 to 30th September 1920 both days inclusive.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the Estate of Henry Gregory Hyde, a partner in the Firm of Messrs. Hoare and Company, Esplanade Road, Bombay, European, deceased, who died on the 16th February, 1920, and letters of Administration with the original Will annexed of whose Estate, having effect throughout the whole of British India, were granted on the 13th September, 1920, to Leslie Blunt Esq., one of the constituted Attorneys of Mrs. Hyde, widow of and the sole Executrix named in the Will of the deceased, are hereby required to send in their claims to the Administrator, Mr. Messrs. Craigie Blunt and Caroe, Standard Building, Hornby Road, Bombay, within one month from date, at the expiration of which time the Administrator will hand over the assets to the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

Dated this 20th day of Sept. 1920.
CRAIGIE BLUNT AND CAROE, 4984 Attorneys for the Administrator.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of **BS. MALJI ABDULLI**, late of Eastham (Central India) deceased, by **Zawood Bora Mahomedan Inhabitant**, a cook and a widower. Deceased.

GULAMALI ABDULLI residing at Nagdevi Street, next of kin of the deceased brother and next of kin of the deceased.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the above-named deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the eleventh year of our Reign.

Witness **SIR NORMAN CRANSTOWN MACLEOD**, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay, said this Twentieth day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the eleventh year of our Reign.

R. B. PATELL, Acting Registrar.

W. J. HOWARD, Petitioner-in-Person.

The 14th day of Sept. 1920.

GULAMALI ABDULLI, Petitioner-in-Person.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of **RAMRAO SITTARAM MADAN**, late of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, Insurance Broker. Deceased.

GANPATRAO SITTARAM MADAN, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, a Clerk in the service of the G. P. Railway, residing at Damay Lane, outside the Fort of Bombay. Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the above-named deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness **SIR NORMAN CRANSTOWN MACLEOD**, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay, said this 8th day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the eleventh year of our Reign.

(Sd.) R. B. PATELL, Acting Registrar.

(Sd.) W. J. HOWARD, Petitioner's Attorney.

The 8th day of September, 1920.

Messrs. SURVEYOR & CO., 4990 Positioner's Attorneys.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of **GOPAL GOVIND PALNITRESE**, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, till lately residing at Dadar, without the Fort of Bombay, a Clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Carriage and Waggon Department of the Maratha Workshops of G. I. P. Ry. Deceased.

BA. RAJAHARI, widow of the deceased, above named of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Lady Jamshedji Road, Dadar without the Fort of Bombay. Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the above-named deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness **SIR NORMAN CRANSTOWN MACLEOD**, Knight, Chief Justice

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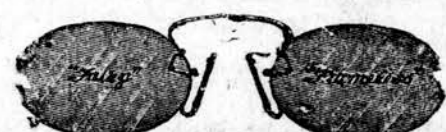
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THE WEATHER

RAINFALL IN BOMBAY.

Total Rainfall up to 8 a.m. of 21st Sept.

STATIONS.	24 hours to 8 a.m. 1920.	Total since 1st June, 1920.	June 1st to 8 a.m. of 21st Sept.	1918.	1919.
Galahs (Observatory).	0.00	38.94	22.1	01.18	
Fort (St. George's Hospital).	0.00	44.30	21.57	71.22	
Spanland (Col. Taj. Hospital).	0.00	43.27	22.48	67.20	
Hydrabad (J. J. Hos- pital).	0.00	43.81	26.59	72.85	

TEMPERATURE IN BOMBAY.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, SOLASA

Bombay, 20th Sept. 1920

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fahr. 29.873 inches

Temperature of Air 24 deg. 24 deg. 24 deg.

Wet Bulb Thermometer 77.8 77.8 77.8

Dew Point 70.1 70.1 70.1

Relative humidity of Air 0.817 0.817 0.817

Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloudy)

Maximum temperature of Air 97.0 97.0 97.0

Minimum "do" 78.1 78.1 78.1

General Direction of Wind from mid-air

to mid-air WNW NENE WNW

Movement of Wind 142 miles

Fall of Rain 0.04 inches

Do. do. year 40.25

Additional fall of rain up to 10 a.m. of 21st 0.00

SUN, MOON AND TIDES AT BOMBAY.

The following are the hours and heights
of the Moon, Eclipses, etc.
the ensuing week. Hours stated in Bom-
bay Mean Time, depth of water is at
races's Dock sill.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day	Time	Depth	Day	Time	Depth	Day	Time
Sept. 22	6.35	24.4	Sept. 23	11.54	10.0	Sept. 24	6.35
23	6.35	24.4	24	11.54	10.0	25	6.35
24	6.35	24.4	25	11.54	10.0	26	6.35
25	6.35	24.4	26	11.54	10.0	27	6.35
26	6.35	24.4	27	11.54	10.0	28	6.35
27	6.35	24.4	28	11.54	10.0	29	6.35
28	6.35	24.4	29	11.54	10.0	30	6.35
29	6.35	24.4	30	11.54	10.0		
30	6.35	24.4					

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at 8
hours on Tuesday, the 21st September 1920,
giving data for the preceding 24 hours.The Punjab.—Skies are clear or only light-
ly clouded. Humidity is locally below nor-
mal in the east and north Punjab. Day
temperature is above normal at most stations;
night temperature is in excess in the sub-
montane districts.The United Provinces.—Skies are clear or
only lightly clouded. Humidity is generally
below normal. Day temperature is slightly
above the average at most stations.Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear. The
air is drier than usual. Day temperature is
slightly above normal in Rajputana; night
temperature is in excess at Ajmer and Jodh-
pur.Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India
West.—Skies are clear or only lightly cloud-
ed. Humidity is below normal in Central
India West. Day temperature is above the
average in Gujarat and Central India West.The Central Provinces.—Amraoti reports
0.91 in. of rain. The sky overcast at Chanda
and Raipur and is clear or only lightly cloud-
ed elsewhere. Humidity is below normal in
the west of the division. Day temperature is
generally above the average.The Konkan.—Mangalore reports 0.11 in. of
rain. Skies are likely or moderately clouded.
The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—New-
ly general rain has fallen in the Bombay
Deccan and local rain in south Hyderabad.Sholapur 0.23 in. Belgaum 0.21 in. and Hydr-
abad 0.38 in. Skies are lightly or moderately
clouded. Day temperature is above the
average in the northern half of the division.General Remarks.—Rainfall has been near-
ly general in the Bombay Deccan and south-
east Madras and local in the north Konka-
Barar and south Hyderabad. Trichinopoly
reports 2.67 in. and Poona 1.82 in. Day tem-
perature is high and humidity is low gen-
erally to the north of latitude 18 deg. N.Forecast.—No large change appears likely
except for some extension in Malabar and
the east of the Central Provinces.India Telegraphic Summary for the 20th
September 1920.The monsoon has extended freely into the
United Provinces and has been vigorous in the
Peninsula. Rainfall has been nearly gen-
eral in the Bombay Deccan, east Hydrabad
and the Madras Deccan and local in the
Lower Burma, the east of the United Pro-
vinces, Central India East, the Konkan andFOR QUICK RELIEF FROM
INDIGESTION.Take two or three Bisurated Magnesia Tab-
lets immediately after eating or when even
rain is felt. Those who have tried to say
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in powder form.southeast Madras. A few falls have also oc-
curred in Assam, Bengal, Orissa, the west
of the United Provinces, Gujarat, the east of
the Central Provinces and on the north
Madras coast.Chief amounts not already shown in the
Bombay Report are:—Mergui one and a half
inches; Akayab two; Dhubri Jalpaiguri three;
Benares a quarter; Nowgong, Jagdalpur a
half; Ramanagonda one; Chidldurg three;
Cuddalore and Kodaikanal oneOBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 HOURS
ON TUESDAY THE 21ST SEPT. 1920.

STATIONS	Maximum of past 24 hours	Minimum of past 24 hours	Temp. in shade	Temp. in sun	Humidity	Rainfall.
PERRAR GULF—						
Do (21th)	98.8	81.0	82	85	60	0.01
Pakk	97.8	80.0	82	85	60	0.07
Mannars	96.780	81.7	81	84	60	0.17
Do ()						
PERAK—						
Mutta	103.779	64.66	62	83.0	—	2.60
Rawatpadi	98.778	67.67	62	83.0	—	10.54
Alor	97.878	67.67	62	7.23	—	7.31
Rawar	102.075	68.48	48	46.5	—	10.45
Alor	97.878	67.67	62	83.0	—	12.37
United Provinces.						
Do	97.878	70	30	30.90	—	1.25
Mainpuri	96.676	69	20	20.11	—	1.78
Alor	97.878	67.67	62	83.0	—	12.37
Onawari	96.676	69	20	20.11	—	1.78
Alor	97.878	67.67	62	83.0	—	12.37
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Economic & Financial Review.

PSYCHOLOGY OF STRIKE.

[BY "KASTODAS."]

The Hon. Mr. Khaparde withdrew all resolutions put forward in the Imperial Council as a protest against the treatment accorded to the resolution of the Hon. Mr. Bhatia. The one resolution which he did not withdraw related to the question of strikes in the Government Presses at Simla, Delhi and Calcutta. Mr. Khaparde generally thought that he would be helping the cause of these poor press-workers by not withdrawing his resolution relating to them and pressing it upon the attention of the Government. He did not estimate at its true value the reactionary tendency of the present Government. The Government makes a show of much active interest on the part of labouring classes whenever private capitalists and employers of labour are concerned. When, however, the Government themselves are in the position of employers of labour they easily forget all their active interest in the welfare of working classes and adopt an attitude which is hostile and autocratic. Mr. Khaparde did not demand anything more than a joint-committee, of officials and non-officials to enquire into the conditions of labour at the Government presses. However, the Hon. Sir Thomas Holland would not allow even this much satisfaction to the employees in Government Presses. He treated the miserable plea advanced as offered by Government officials that the difficulty throughout seemed to be due to "irresponsible politicians who would with ugly motives, interfere and try to disseminate all sorts of false rumours and make impossible any amicable settlement between the employers and employees." Sir Thomas Holland has shown by this outburst in the vein of a perfect bureaucrat that he is now a fully-fledged member of the Executive Council. Some of us had hoped from Sir Thomas Holland for he had really put forward much work and energy both in the Industrial Commission and the Munitions Board. His reactionary, if we may so say, Indian inclinations, were manifested to some extent in his practical exclusion of Indians from the official staff of the Munitions Board but those tendencies he managed to cloak under the guise of winning and suave manners. The cloak is now, however, thrown off and he comes out as a full-blown bureaucrat with these insinuating and patronising speech against "irresponsible politicians."

Who are these irresponsible politicians?

It is extremely difficult to understand who are the men whom the Government referred to as irresponsible politicians whenever they have to face any troubles or difficulties. The secret appears to be that whoever comes in the way of the Government, whoever espouses the cause of the toiling masses against the proclivities of Government officials is dubbed forthwith as an irresponsible politician. Such men would be honoured in other countries as protectors of the rights of poor and as leaders of the labour movement. No bureaucrat there will dare call such people irresponsible politicians but here the bureaucrat may indulge in any language he likes for he is sure of a cheer or two from the whole of the Anglo-Indian press and the servile section of the Indian press. On the one hand, Government officials say that Labour is not organised in proper Trade Unions here, on the other hand, they denounce any public men who may try to help Labour in its efforts to organise itself and to demand its rights and privileges from the employer class. Sir Thomas Holland at the Delhi session spoke feelingly about the conditions of millhands and observed that he would rather have the whole of the Bombay mill industry wiped out than have the present deplorable conditions of labour to continue. Was Sir Thomas Holland when he uttered these sentiments an irresponsible politician or wise and far-seeing official of Government? If he was justified in indulging in such sentiments, why cannot Indian politicians be? This very Sir Thomas Holland, however, is now entrusted with the work of carrying on correspondence with the International Labour Conference and putting forward the views and demands of Indian Labour! His assistant in this task is Mr. Clow I.C.S. designated as Controller of Labour! His qualification for this post, involving so much responsibility and requiring intimate knowledge with conditions of Indian Labour appears to be that he was Assistant Secretary to the Hunter Committee. Is it to be expected by Indian Labour that its interests are safe in such hands and that every possible effort is being made to secure to it its just and legitimate demands?

A Committee of Enquiry.

As was pointed out Mr. Khaparde's resolution did not ask for anything more than a committee. This must be necessary seeing that the G. I. P. Ry. staff is insisting on a joint-committee of officials and staff people. Mr. Rumbold the Acting Agent, has practically acceded to such a demand. Mr. Khaparde did not proceed to that limit for he did not ask for a committee of officials and representatives of press-people but merely a committee of official and non-officials to enquire into the conditions of labour. Sir Thomas Holland evinced, however, a reprehensible obstinacy by saying that he himself does so much to investigate the conditions of services that he cannot long as he held the office of the Controller of Labour. The attitude to be taken by the Government, there

is no necessity for non-official members in the Council. All the official members may say that they have studied the particular questions and are not disposed to change their views. This air of all-knowingness is out of place in the present times.

Interest of Tax-Payers.

Sir Thomas Holland waxed eloquently in his address on the interest of tax-payers which he said was a sacred trust. One is glad to receive such a statement from a leading member of the Viceroy's Executive Council for it leads one to hope that in future interest of tax-payers will always be deemed to be a sacred trust.

Were these interests taken into consideration when European youths who had barely passed their teens were appointed in the Munitions Board, the posts carrying fancy salaries with fancy allowances tacked on to them? Are these interests taken into consideration now when salaries of all the Government Departments are being revised and salaries specially of high officials received a tremendous increase following the law, "who hath will have still more added unto him", and lastly, were these interests taken into consideration when the heroic butcher of Jallianwalla Bagh was allowed to retire on £700 to be increased to £900 from the next year. It is high time that Government of India officials left off their platitudes and came forward with a declaration of their real policy.

CABLE QUOTATIONS.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

		Bales.
Total Days Sales at Liverpool	---	4,000
" " Sales on Spot & for Exp.	---	---
" Sales of East Indians	---	750
" Imports	---	---
Mtl. American Spot	---	23.41
Egyptian G.F.F. Sakels	---	61.00
New York 11 a.m. (as known in Liverpool at closing time)	Oct. Jan.	26.66
	Oct. Jan.	26.66
New Orleans 10 a.m.	Oct. Jan.	26.02
	Oct. Jan.	26.02

BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

ENGAGEMENTS.

TO-DAY.

Municipal Standing Committee 4.10, p.m.
Ordinary General Meeting of the Jupiter Insurance Co., Ltd., 3, Apollo Street, 5 p.m.
Dr. Carr's public lecture on "Syphilis and Child Welfare," at the Science Institute, Mayo Road 6 p.m.
Committee meeting of the Bombay Trades Association, 3-30 p.m., 1, Gymkhana Chambers.

THURSDAY, Sept. 23.

Maharajah: Banks closed. (All Post Offices in Bombay will work as usual.)
Municipal Council, 3-40 p.m.
Cricket Matches: (1) Bombay Gymkhana v. G. I. P. Ry. C. C.; (2) Hindu Gymkhana v. Elphinstone C. C.

FRIDAY, Sept. 24.

The mail steamer "Morea" with outward mails of the 9th instant expected to arrive at 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, Sept. 25.

Mails for Mauritius and Reunion per extra s.s. Muttra via Dhanushkodi and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 6-30 p.m.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

DEATH.

VAJIFDAR—Baby Dinbai, daughter of Byramji Meherji Vajifdar, died yesterday evening. Buried at this morning at Bazar Gate Street, Fort.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The mail steamer Morea with the outward mails of the 9th instant is expected to arrive in Bombay at 4 p.m. on Friday.

JUPITER INSURANCE CO., LD.

The second ordinary general meeting of the above Company will be held to-day at 5 p.m. (S. T.) at Great Western Buildings, 3, Apollo Street, Fort.

SALE OF REVERSE COUNCILS.

It is notified for general information that Reverse Councils amounting to £1,000,000 will be offered for sale on Tuesday the 28th September 1920.

CITY'S MORTALITY.

The total mortality on 21st September was 113 against 146 for the corresponding day last year. Cholera and smallpox registered no attacks and no deaths.

LECTURE AT SHANTARAM CHAWL.

Under the auspices of the Committee of the Saravali Ganapati, Shantaram's Chawl a public lecture will be delivered by Shriyut. Vamanrao Joshi at 6-30 p.m. to-day, at Shantaram's Chawl, Girgaon.

JOHURUM AND VICTORIAS.

The 24th of September 1920 being the day of Wafat of Imam-e-Musavi, all the victorias owned by the Sunni Mohammedans of Bombay will not ply on that day.

LATE DR. L. L. JOSHI.

Under the auspices of the Indian Christian Association, Bombay, a public memorial meeting in honour of the late Dr. L. L. Joshi M.D. will be held at the Town Hall, 11, Hall Girgaon, on Thursday the 23rd September at 6 p.m.

POSTAL NOTICE.

Thursday the 23rd September 1920 will be a Post Office Holiday on account of "Moharrum." All the departments of the Bombay G. I. P. R. and its Town Sub-Offices will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays. The Telegraph Branches of the combined offices will remain open and work as usual.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION.

Owing to the strike among delivery and boy peons the working hours of the local offices noted below are reduced from 6 to 6 with effect from to-day the 22nd September—Bhendi Bazar; Masjid; Kalbadevi.

MAIL NOTICES.

S S Shini Maru—The N Y K steamer Shini Maru bound arrived at Hongkong on 18th instant.

S S Tain Maru—The N Y K steamer Tain Maru left Hongkong for Singapore (Westward bound) on the 16th instant.
The P and O mail steamer Kaiser-i-Hind which left Bombay on the 4th instant arrived at Marseilles on Saturday the 18th instant.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

The upward movement in the share market continued to-day and the share speculators were very busy. Kamath's registered a further rise of Rs. 112 and several other shares showed appreciable rises, particularly Port Cess and Consolidated. The market went slightly easier in the middle of the afternoon but firmed up again and was steady at the close. The coal section was practically unchanged whilst in the miscellaneous section there was no special feature of interest, the turnover being very limited. Following were the closing quotations:—

Coal—Bengal 797 s. 1, Burrack 528 s. 1.
Jute—Albion 610, Alliance 880, Anglo-India 522 and 536 s. 1, Auckland 433 and 438 s. 1, Bally 350, Barnagore 207, Belvedere 765, Birla 2-2 prem, Budget 800, Chiviot (conty) 206.8, Century 10-4, Clive 420, Craig 13.8, Dalhousie 738, Delta 862, Fort William 626, Gondalpara 2150, Gourapore 1650 s. 1, Howrah 65-2, Kamath's 1173 and 1183 s. 1, Kankarnahar 888, Kinnison 1820 and 1800 s. 1, Lansdown 613, Lawrence 1020 s. 1, Lothian 628, National 551, Niddea 84-8, New Central 1130, Norbrook 10-8, Reliance 63-6, Sorab 372 s. 1, Standard 900 and 914 s. 1, Waverley 17-4, Fort Gloster 1588.
Miscellaneous—Bengal Bridge and Bolts 14, British India Corporation (defd) 14-8, Central Province 10-4, Dunbar Cotton 634, Home Pipe 16-8, Indian Iron and Steel (new par), Marshall Sons and Coy. 10-8, New Pioneer 15, New Sagar Sugar 16, Steel Products 14-4.
Bramm—Yesterday's quotation for Anglo Oriental Navigation 2-4 discount should have read Oriental Navigation.
Government paper 31 per cent was quoted at Rs. 59-4 and small lots at 58-8. War Bonds (short Loans) 98.8, 1925 at 99.5, 1926 at 99.4.
Exchange Bank Telegraphic Transfer one shilling ten one-eighth pence and Demand Bill one shilling ten one-fourth pence.

CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE.

QUESTION OF FORMATION OF CO-OPERATIVE BOARD.

DEFERRED TO NEXT CONFERENCE

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.)

POONA, Sept. 21.
The Provincial Co-operative Conference concluded its sitting to-day after being in session from 2 to 4-30 p.m. under the chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. Curries. The sub-committee appointed yesterday had submitted their reports in the form of a resolution which the Conference was expected to accept. The most important question before the Conference, however, which was dealt with by a sub-committee on which the most distinguished non-official co-operators were sitting was the question of the formation of a co-operative board. It included Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, the Hon. Mr. Lalubhai Samaldas and Mr. G. K. Deodhar as well as the representatives from the Deccan and the Karnatik.

CO-OPERATIVE BOARD.

Mr. Deodhar had published his views regarding the formation of a co-operative board in a separate paper which had been circulated to the Conference. He agreed with the Registrar that the present machinery of the Government regarding the administration of the co-operative department needed a change in the new direction of having an advisory board, a board of experts to advise in developing new features of co-operation, in initiating measures of policy and of advising Government regarding schemes involving large initial expenditure to Government. Mr. Deodhar thought that if the board was to do real and substantial work it must consist of men who could command the necessary leisure, knowledge and experience of co-operative work. It should be started as an experimental measure for six years, election to and nomination on it being made every four years. Mr. Deodhar observed further in his paper that if the board was not meant to give a sort of a moral backing to the Registrar in his proposals to Government, the board should be given a large deciding voice. Evidently the discussion as regards the functions which the Board ought to be allowed to exercise was very lively and keen in the subjects connected with this question, and the difference of opinion extended to the manner in which the Board should be constituted.

Six members thought one way, five in another and the resolution which the Hon. Mr. Lalubhai pressed for acceptance at the full Conference said that the Government be recommended to appoint an advisory board as recommended by the Registrar but the number should be 18 three heads of the departments, agriculture, industries and public instruction and three nominated officials sitting with 12 elected members. Several delegates looked upon this idea of an advisory board with great disfavour and when Mr. Chitale, the well-known co-operator from Navar declared that the whole thing was coming as a surprise on them, the majority cheered him.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

The proposal of Mr. N. M. Joshi brought in an amendment which said that the matter be deferred to the next Conference was carried by 56 votes to 52. This success gave considerable encouragement to those who were ardent co-operators and who this afternoon were anxious to see that the movement should be made self-dependent and rid itself of official trammels.

The next subject was the thorny problem of cooperative finance and it must be confessed that the recommendations made by the sub-committee which treated this subject were halting and rather inconclusive. The one which elicited general support and interest was the recommendation that it was desirable for central and urban banks to introduce the use of cheques against current accounts and cash credits and to undertake the discount of short term bills and trading bills on behalf of the members and of cooperative societies. A committee was also appointed with five non-official and Mr. Madan, the Indian I.C.S. who is now assistant registrar to serve on it for the purpose of making definite recommendations with respect to establishing a service of trained manager.

SCHEME OF REPRESENTATION.

Another subject which the Conference dealt with was the scheme of representation for the Provincial Conference and the detailed scheme recommended was accepted, the registrar having power to nominate 40 delegates of which at least 15 should be non-official.

The next resolution to be accepted was the starting of a separate branch by the Bombay Central Co-operative Institute to carry on propaganda work in Bombay City, particularly to hold a city co-operative conference.

The next resolution however, caused a good deal of discussion. The resolution which was in four parts suggested that pending the reconstruction of the Bombay wholesale cooperative society a special assistant registrar be appointed to help consumers' societies in the matter of purchases, sales and assessment of credits through the Bombay Central Co-operative Bank. The Hon. Mr. Lalubhai pointed out the difficulties in the way of the bank in accepting the proposal. The Registrar who in the annual report had blamed the organisers of the said Bombay wholesale cooperative society for various sins of omission and commission showed the futility of the whole proposal and Mr. Khare as a delegate from the institute proposed the deletion of that part of the resolution pointing out that the wholesale cooperative society would not take long in reconstructing itself and that he had

G. I. P. RAILWAY CONFERENCE.

ENDS IN A FIASCO.

REFERENCE TO ARBITRATION BOARD.

The G. I. P. Railway Conference of five officers and five delegates of the employees mutually agreed upon by the employees and the acting Agent of the Railway ended in session from 2 to 4-30 p.m. under the chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. Curries. The cable settlement impossible. It is said that the officials alone are responsible for the failure of the Conference to arrive at a decision as they could not convince the five delegates either of the unreasonableness of their demands or of the justice of the position the officials had taken up. The following minute was unanimously passed after three days' strenuous labour:—

"The Conference of the officers and delegates met on 17th, 18th and 20th September, 1920, to discuss the four points which were referred to the meeting.

"After discussion they regret that it has not been possible to come to any decision on the four points in question."

The acting Agent then for the first time made his appearance and he was, of course, not lacking in expressing his sympathy for the labouring classes and he regretted that the Conference could not arrive at any settlement. He went speaking in the usual official strain and appealed to the delegates not to agitate any longer, which meant in other words that the employees should thank him for whatever little crumbs of charity he may have been pleased to throw to them. Subsequently, he requested the delegates to return to their home stations and informed them that he has wired the Railway Board to sanction the proposal for an Arbitration Board.

The delegates desired to give him 48 hours' notice to enable him to arrange to appoint an arbitrator acceptable to both the parties, failing which the inevitable is sure to follow.

PORT TRUST RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' UNION.

DEPUTATION TO PLACE GRIEVANCE BEFORE MANAGER.

An extraordinary general meeting of the B. P. T. R. E. Union was held on Sunday, the 19th instant, at 4 p.m. at Hira Baag as previously notified.

Some unavoidable and important matters could not allow the President, Mr. V. M. Pawar, Bar-at-Law, and Vice-President, Mr. D. Chaman Lal, Bar-at-Law, to be present at the meeting. However Mr. G. V. Parab, one of the Executive Committee members, was voted to the chair, who asked Mr. G. A. Nadkarni to read out the letter from the Vice-President, Mr. Chaman Lal, which was addressed to the members, advising the men to remain loyal to their Union and of steadfast purpose in the fight for justice.

A resolution was passed that deputation consisting of 10 delegates, Messrs. V. M. Pawar, D. Chaman Lal, A. Nadkarni, W. M. Shahane, G. V. Parab, N. J. Rawal, P. S. Gole, F. E. Specchly, D. Y. Gokhale and Ganesh Pandurang, be elected to see the Railway Manager and all the other matters being important were kept pending till next meeting.

Messrs. W. M. Shahane and G. A. Nadkarni delivered very instructive and intelligent speeches to the members.

NO FURTHER DISTURBANCE AT AGRA.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

AGRA, Sept. 21.

His Honour Sir Harcourt Butler has arrived here presumably in connection with the recent riots. There has been no disturbance since the reconciliation between Hindus and Mohammedans took place and the Moharram celebrations are now held as usual.

MADRAS MAHAJANA SABHA.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Sept. 20.

At the annual meeting of the Madras Mahajana Sabha, Dewan Bahadur L. A. Govindaraga Iyer was elected President and Messrs. C. P. Ramaswami Iyer and C. Rajagopalachari as Vice-Presidents of the body for the year.

great misgivings regarding the ability of a Government officer successfully discharging the work of a trading agent. The proposal was finally accepted however, in the amended form that the registrar might be asked to assist in selecting private firms to help consumers' societies in purchase and sales.

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

The vaguely worded thirteen resolutions regarding building societies were then simply recorded by the Conference and after a slight discussion regarding the manner of helping cotton sale societies the Conference adjourned with a short speech by Mr. Curries who hoped for speedier progress and was suitably thanked by Sir Vithaldas Thackersey.

Mr. Lalubhai asked the delegates then to thank the Registrar and his staff for arranging the Conference. Next year the non-officials will arrange it and he hoped the department would give same help and advice as they had done this year.

The proceedings closed after partaking of the sumptuous tea the Registrar had provided.

BOYCOTT OF COUNCILS.

PANDIT MALAVIYA STILL AGAINST.

"A DANGEROUS DOCTRINE."

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 20.

Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya delivered a lengthy address this evening on the "Present Situation." After making a survey of the situation, he said when they found there was no remedy to the Punjab atrocities, Mr. Gandhi came forward with his Non-Cooperation proposals. Non-Cooperation, as Mr. Gandhi conceived, was a remedy intended to achieve certain results and those results according to Mr. Gandhi were to undo the wrong done to Turkey, to remedy the Punjab atrocities, the recall of Lord Chelmsford and punishing the wrong doers in the Punjab. These were the results Mr. Gandhi intended to achieve by his Non-Cooperation movement. Then followed a lengthy and heated discussion in the Special Congress, which eventually adopted the resolution by a majority. During the discussion many of them did not agree with Mr. Gandhi, while the majority were in his favour.

In the course of the discussion, a suggestion was made that the real remedy to undo the wrongs lay in the obtaining of full responsible Government and not by adopting Non-Cooperation. That was the view taken by men whose honesty of purpose there was no reason to suspect. After the passing of the resolution, many were trying to carry it out; while on the other hand, discussion was still going on as to the wisdom of the measure.

They must now calmly discuss and find out what was the right course to adopt. The speaker was not afraid of the word Non-Cooperation, nor was he opposed to it in principle, nor did he consider it illegal or illegitimate. The whole question was whether they agreed that it was a means likely to achieve the end in view, whether by the adoption of Non-Cooperation they would be able to achieve that end to undo the wrongs done to Turkey and the Punjab. Assuming that the answer was in the affirmative, the next question was what time and sacrifice were required and whether the people were prepared for it. As regards giving up titles, they had been told in the Supreme Council that only a few sanads have been drawn. He was not in favour of withdrawing children from schools. Their need was to provide more schools and colleges and he thought that it was a wrong policy to withdraw children from schools, which would in no way affect the Government. As for lawyers' withholding practices, Pandit Malaviya said that he was in favour of establishing arbitration courts, because it was right that every one should obtain cheap justice. When such courts were established then they could ask the lawyers to withdraw from the British courts.

BOYCOTT OF COUNCILS.

Then came the question of boycotting the Legislative Councils. On this point there was a great difference of opinion. Mr. Gandhi thought that, if people refused to enter the Councils, the Government would feel that the people were dissatisfied. But there were three things to be considered. First whether the people would generally do it. If some of them would refuse to enter the Councils there were others. Some Moderates and non-descripts would go there. This particular weapon, according to the speaker, would not be effective in paralysing Government which would rather be jolly to find some undesirable persons, according to them, out of the Councils and the result would be that undesirable measures would be passed hurriedly. As full responsible Government was the sovereign remedy for the ills of India it was his deliberate conviction that they would not gain anything by boycotting Councils. Swaraj meant rule by the people for the people. That was the rule of democracy, which required that the representatives of the people should be free to express their opinion. They were to consider whether the Non-Cooperation resolution had the real support of the thinking public. At present, a large number of men who had served their Motherland were opposed to this particular item. His opinion was that the people were not satisfied with it. It was the duty of every patriotic Indian to consider what was the right course and he should have the courage of his conviction to speak out what he thought right. Some of them had said that they must not weaken the moral force of the Congress. The Congress was dear to him as to any other Indian and his intention was to strengthen the Congress and not to weaken it and he still would say that withdrawal from the Councils was a dangerous doctrine as it was opposed to the building up of responsible Government. Their duty was, according to the speaker, to send the best men to the Councils, their objective being to establish full responsible Government. If they had strong men in councils they would be able to expose the wrongs done by the Executive both inside and the outside of the Council.

CONSTRUCTIVE WORK.

He wished that they should not be hopelessly divided over this question. Those who thought that they would be able to serve the country best by going to the Council let them unite all parties with a view to achieve Swaraj. This could be done by organising themselves. He suggested that every sub-division or taluqa should be made a unit of the Congress, each returning one member to that body. The present system was not a correct one. Let them educate the voters of every sub-division and if they had such a Congress that would be a mighty National Congress. Let them come to a deliberate conclusion and consider measures in such a body. If they worked in those lines they would not be open to the charge that the Congress represented only a section of the people and the delegates were self-elected. He asked them to establish such

conditions under which they would be able to work full Self Government. Let there be unity between Hindus and Mohammedans in every village and let every young man enlist himself as a national volunteer. By these means they would be able to give assurance that there would not be chaos when they got full Self Government. Let there be arbitration courts in every mullahi or taluqa and thereby create confidence in the people and last of all let them organise in industry and thereby try to remove the economic bondage. These were the lines of constructive work. If they were able to do that, they would achieve Swaraj in a much shorter time than otherwise.

UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—The "Times" of India with a view to misguide the public in to-day's leadership trotted out the old worn out argument that the postmen have been enforcing the demands by pointing the pistol at the head of the department, and that the public should side with the Government. The "Times of India" seems to insist that the Postal Department was not given sufficient time to redress the grievances. As a matter of fact the Postmen have been agitating about their grievances for the last two years, and when the revision was notified they took the first opportunity to acquaint the Director and the Postmaster General that the increment granted was too meagre and was not adequate to meet the increased cost of living. They also waited in the form of deputation on the Director General as well as the Post Master General in the beginning of August last headed by Mr. Dalvi and myself to represent to the Director General the intense dissatisfaction prevailing among the Postmen and Telegraphic delivery peons with regard to the orders recently passed by the Government of India as to their salary and allowance. At the interview the Director General took up a very uncompromising and threatening attitude and asked the men that if they were dissatisfied with the Orders of the Government of India with regard to their salary and allowances they might leave the service. The Director General had further stated that he was not willing to make any recommendation to the Government of India to reconsider the question of salary and allowances and stated that he was not willing to give a single farthing more than what had been sanctioned by the Government of India. At that interview the Director General further refused to discuss the matter as he thought that the Department did not care a bit whether the Postmen went on strike or not. At this interview the Postmaster General of Bombay was also present. After the late Director General left, further representation was made by Mr. Joseph Baptista, the president of the Union on 24th August 1920 to the present Director General of Post and Telegraphs Mr. Hutchinson and pointed out to him that the inadequacy of the present scale of pay had caused deepest disappointment in the Bombay Postmen. He further pointed out the unwisdom of appointing one Committee for the whole of India as the Committee was incapable of comprising themselves to the local evidence and solving local problems. The average gain would not exceed Rs. 5 a month and in some cases Rs. 3 only. Thereafter on 13th September a telegram was sent to the Director General informing him that unless a reply was received within a week, strike was inevitable. In face of these facts it is ridiculous to suggest that the Postal Department was not given sufficient time to consider over the grievances, and that, more than one month and half to consider the said grievances. Even after the letter of 24th August 1920 the Director General had nearly one month to consider the said grievances. The Postal Department is making huge profits but grudges a few rupees to hard worked men. The present scale is absolutely inadequate to meet the present necessities in life. The average wages earned by these men are Rs. 30 per month. If we look only at the Artisans like street sweepers, they earn from Rs. 50 to 100 per month. If we turn to the Mills the weavers, and jobbers earn from Rs. 60 to 90 per month. It appears therefore that it is a crime if these men, who know four languages including English and are honest and hard-working and have been loyal throughout the last three years are treated so, in spite of the daily increase in the cost of living. The G. I. P. Ry. had to sanction two crores of rupees for the revision while the men are not satisfied. But the Postal Department could only set aside 27 lakhs of Rupees for revision of salary and allowances. The table which has been very carefully prepared by Mr. Baptista showing that Rs. 52 are absolutely necessary for a man to live with his wife and two children in these days of scarcity had not been so far challenged by the Postal authorities. If the prices are rising owing to the world forces, it is for the Government to take steps to check the rising of the said prices either by checking profiteering or by making necessary arrangements for freight or by discouraging heavy export by placing export duties.

It is now high time that the problem of high prices should be considered by the Government fully and carefully and means devised to meet the situation at an early date. There is industrial unrest throughout the world and there cannot be any exception.—Yours, etc.

F. J. GINWALA.

373, Hornby Road, Bombay, Sept. 21.

REVERSE COUNCILS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Sept. 21.

The following is the result of the allotment of Sterling Telegraphic Transfers on the Secretary of State for India in London for £1,000,000 offered for sale on Tuesday, the 21st September, 1920:—

Total amount of tenders received: Bombay £70,000,000; Elsewhere £52,500,000; Total £122,500,000.

Total amount accepted: Bombay £567,000; Total £1,000,000.

LATEST CABLES.

MINERS' PERSISTENCE IN WAGE DEMAND.

SIR R. HORNE'S ARGUMENTS UNAVAILING.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.

The official report of to-day's Coal Conference shows that Sir Robert Horne again made an eloquent appeal to the miners to accept the impartial tribunal with reference to their refusal declaring that Government were in the possession of all facts, and were in a position themselves to decide. The representatives declared that unless the wage demand was conceded, it would be impossible for them to recommend the continuance of work at to-morrow's Conference of miners' delegates. Sir R. Horne reminded the miners of the great interest they professed in the consumer getting cheaper coal. He said that the refusal of the impartial tribunal followed by a strike would result in the consumer having to pay more. Sir R. Horne advanced other arguments, but all in vain.

NEW WAGES SCALE.

TO BE RETROSPECTIVE FROM JULY 17.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.

Rome.—The Conference at the Ministry of Interior, between the delegates of employers and employed, agreed to the new wages scale to be retrospective from July 17th, the payment of wages sought by workmen during the period they occupied factories excepted.

The "Messaggero" learns that the General Confederation of Labour has ordered the workmen to leave the occupied factories and to resume work in the normal manner. According to the "Messaggero" the Confederation also gives an assurance that the order will be respected.

M. MILLERAND'S PRO-VISIONAL ACCEPTANCE.

"NOT TO REMAIN DEAF TO NATION'S APPEAL."

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.

Paris.—In the course of a statement, M. Millerand expresses the opinion that nowhere could he do such useful work as in the capacity of the Premier. Nevertheless, if the majority of the two Chambers consider his presence at the Elysee preferable to the pursuit of the national policy he has carried out since his assumption of the Premiership, he will not remain deaf to the appeal of the nation's representatives.

It is felt that M. Millerand's acceptance of candidacy has solved the Presidential crisis. Both the Senate and the Chamber regard the election of M. Millerand as a foregone conclusion. No other candidate is officially mentioned. Favourites for the Premiership are MM. Jonart and Briand.

FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

M. MILLERAND URGED TO STAND.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.

Paris.—Efforts are being made in influential quarters to induce M. Millerand to withdraw his refusal to stand for the Presidency. The opinion is expressed that the demonstrations of exceptional unanimity which are being made in favour of his candidature have begun to shake his resistance and if he consents to stand it is expected that he will be elected unopposed or by a great majority.

NEXT FRENCH PRESIDENT.

M. MILLERAND'S CANDIDATURE.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.

Paris.—It is stated in the Lobby that M. Millerand has agreed to stand for the Presidency.

INDIAN VICEROYALTY.

"OBSERVER" ON MR. MONTAGU'S FITNESS.

(REUTERS' SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.

The "Observer" emphasises that owing to the political crisis in Indian personal considerations as regards the appointment of a new Viceroy, make the appointment as critical as any since the Empire was. Previous familiarity with Indian affairs or exceptional overseas experience is now demanded in India. Far and away the most popular appointment would be that of Mr. Montagu. He possesses an extraordinary regard for the Moderates and even the Extremes him the least. If he could go to call a conference he would be more than anyone else to persuade the Moderates to abandon his fatal policy. Mr. Montagu, the Sir George Lloyd.

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MORE LESSONS IN COOPERATION

After the bludgeoning of his attempt to hold the Government to their pledges concerning the discussion of the Punjab affairs in the Council, Mr. Shastri and his supporters thought they would make a dignified protest against Lord Chelmsford's methods by withdrawing their resolutions. Mr. Khaparde, however, stood out as a solitary exception. He willingly withdrew all his resolutions but one, insisting on discussion concerning the formation of a committee to inquire into the position of Press workers in Government works. Well, Mr. Khaparde has had his day and has succeeded in doing a real service not to the poor pressmen struggling for a bare existence but to Sir Thomas Holland who was given a splendid opportunity of airing his sentiments about ungrateful strikers and agitating politicians. The facts of the case presented are plain enough. There are, to give only one example, some compositors who are working as much as 13 hours a day, while their pay sheet shows the handsome wage of Rs. 47. Under the new scale these men will work ten hours a day and their average income will be Rs. 62. So much for the betterment of the men's prospects on Sir Thomas' own showing.

But one of the main demands made by the workers is for the substitution of salaried scales of pay for the present piece-rate system. We have never hesitated to condemn the present system as highly immoral and unjust. But what does Sir Thomas think of it? "The crucial test of any service should be whether the rates and prospects were satisfactory

irrespective of the system that provided them." (Our italics.) What a sentence, coming as it does from a gentleman who is presumed to be an expert in Labour matters! The whole trend of the Labour movement throughout the world is towards effective workers' control; towards not merely a revision of the wage-scale commensurate with the cost of living but a radical break with the existing system of remuneration leading in England to the cry of nationalisation, in France to the theory of syndicalism, in Italy to the accomplished fact of workers' control in metallurgical factories. How many strikes should we remind Sir Thomas of, in the industrial history of England, in order to improve his knowledge of the fact that workers have fought not merely for increased remuneration but also for the abolition of systems disliked by them? As far back as 1765 the Northumberland miners struck for several weeks against the prevalent custom of the yearly bond of service. In 1893 a great dispute arose in the coal-mining industry over the question (how topical!) that wages should follow prices. Sir Thomas is apparently not aware of the strike of Engineers in 1852 in order to obtain the abolition of this piece-rate system, nor of the Dock strike of 1889 for the abolition of contract and piece-rate work. It will come as a revelation to those very "political agitators" who are marked out by Sir Thomas as the objects of his pontifical diatribe, that a man like Sir Thomas, possessing such inadequate knowledge of labour conditions and shewing such small sympathy for the workers, should be in virtual control of the Government's Labour policy.

He confesses that he is not a politician, evidently in order to hang his attack against the politicians on this secure peg of denial. But Sir Thomas forgets that it is not possible to divorce politics even from the bureaucratic chair of a well-paid official in Simla much less from the grievances of the ill-paid workers in factories. Every question affecting the welfare of our countrymen is a political question. Let there be no mistake about that. Sir Thomas thinks he is a better representative of Indian workers than the leaders who are in charge of the Labour movement. He is welcome to his thought but he should not mistake the voice of the workers who are in no mood to listen to dictatorial methods such as the refusal to appoint a Committee to investigate conditions on the ridiculous plea that Sir Thomas has gone fully into the matter and knows all about it. Why even Mr. Lloyd George is less truculent and less of a Chenghis Khan in his dealings with Mr. Robert Smillie's men and is going the length of forming a Committee of inquiry upon the British miners! But the fact is that this intransigent attitude is but one more eye-opener for the public as to what it should expect from unsympathetic bureaucrats and we sincerely hope Mr. Khaparde has received his final lesson in co-operation.

THE POSTAL STRIKE.

Our morning contemporary has used without stint all the phrases, rather plentiful of late in the British capitalist press, it can muster together against the action of the postal employees who have gone on strike. It is sectional, we are told. Postmen want to force Government to grant their demands. The appetite grows by what it feeds on. If once the lightning strike is allowed, the community will enjoy its postal and telegraphic services only on sufferance. Postmen have abused their trust and responsibility. They have drawn a pistol and presented it at the head of authority. The strike must be fought out with blunt resistance. After all what do Government lose? They are ready to pay postmen anything they want and something more. But ultimately the public will have to pay. Therefore, the public must rise against the postmen and smash them. We did not expect that the "Times of India" would exhibit such pure and undiluted folly. Postmen are fighting for a bare living maintenance and officials have spurned their just demands and defied them and declared that not a pie more would be granted. They have, by their attitude, provoked the strike and the "Times of India" talks quite in the Lloyd Georgian strain about postmen, mistaking them for the Triple Alliance. If any body is responsible for the strike, it is the authorities and it is pure and unmitigated nonsense to say that postmen are brandishing a pistol in the face of the authorities. The public have every sympathy for postmen, their faithful, loyal and honest servants. Even the "Times of India," which has declared uncompromising war against postmen, has to acknowledge that they are an upright and self-respecting body of men. Why have they taken the extreme step of going on a strike? It is because the authorities have refused them any consideration. It is absurd to say

that postmen have struck work without a notice. Ample notice was given; the authorities were fully aware of the coming events and they took no steps to avert the strike. The "Times of India" wants to fight the strike out. We trust the evil counsel of the "Times of India" will not be followed by the authorities and that prompt steps will be taken to consider sympathetically the genuine grievances of postmen and redress them. The public are not at all at the back of Government, if there is any idea of repressing the strike by force or starvation. If the public are to pay directly or indirectly for postmen after all, well, they are ready to pay. The demands of postmen are not at all exorbitant and they must be satisfied. Government have paid all attention to the higher services for obvious reasons and neglected the interests of low-paid men. These men are content with little; to deny them the increase they claim will be but to starve them. Our contemporary evades the main issue altogether. It says, "It is possible that very genuine grievances exist and that exasperating delays have intervened in dealing with them. That is beside the point." That is the point. The strike of postmen is not political; they do not want to capture the Postal Department and ruin it; they have not pressed any claims for a division of postal profits between themselves. They do not claim any hand in the appointment of officials. But they do demand a living wage and it is the duty of the public to see that they are paid it. It is because the genuine grievances of the postmen were not considered in time that the public has now to face the strike and suffer the consequences of the blunders, committed by the officials. Whatever the "Times of India," in its irresponsible manner, may say, the one dominant consideration at present is: how soon the strike may be ended. "Blunt resistance," as advised by the "Times of India," would be altogether an insane idea. It is not a mere question of postmen and Government. The public are most intimately interested in the early settlement of the strike. They must assert themselves in every way to bring about the end. Elsewhere we publish Mr. Baptista's views on the merits of the claims of the postmen. Seldom has a case been pressed with so much patience and ability. We have no hesitation in supporting the acceptance of the suggestion for a joint investigation by Messrs. Sams and Baptista. If they agree there ought to be no reluctance on the part of the Government to accept their recommendations in full.

Notes of the Day.

The Brutal Game.
While Mr. MacSweeney is dying by inches, some wonderful Britishers are following quite an independent line of inquiry. Will he break the record of Dr. Tanner of the 'eighties? Or is anyone feeding him on the sly? The fast-cure fanatics here intervene and point to Mr. MacSweeney's case as establishing their theory that a normal man can live without food, and if the mental attitude is correct, without harm, for at least thirty or forty days. Orthodox medical opinion, however, is still distrustful. It cannot say how long a man can live without food; it has no data! Have these people lost their sense of proportion? Has war brutalised them altogether? The question is no longer one of the guilt or innocence of the Lord Mayor of Cork. It is a question of bare humanity and the British Ministry are taking up an altogether wrong and perverse attitude in obstinately refusing to release the Lord Mayor. Have British people no independent opinion of their own? Instead of rising up against such a Ministry, which is dangerously aggravating an already serious situation and bundling it out, Britain is engrossed in mistaking the Lord Mayor of Cork for a silly season topic and is busy discussing "How long can a man live without food?"

A National Shame.
Are we in India less fitted to enjoy local option than the people of Ceylon? Local option has obtained in Ceylon for some time past and we read that on Monday last the population of Galle was all agog with a view to test local feeling regarding the drink traffic. Brisk balloting was the order of the day and Buddhist as well as Catholic priests were to be seen actively interesting themselves in the anti-drink campaign. The result of the poll is stated to have been as follows:—861 in favour of abolition, 1 in favour of retention, and spoilt votes 8. The percentage obtained for prohibition was 713. In many other places in Ceylon also the trend of popular feeling has been unmistakably towards abolition. But as pointed out by our Ceylon correspondent, temperance reformers in that Island, not resting satisfied with the re-

sults so far achieved, have recently succeeded in getting passed in the local Legislative Council a resolution to the effect that with the object of counteracting attractions of taverns "substantial assistance be given to well organised societies to run canteens, at important labour centres, for providing meals, refreshment and amusements at a cheap price to labourers." It will be seen Ceylon is pursuing a far more enlightened policy in regard to the drink evil than the authorities in India are doing at present. The only hope of a radical reform in this country lies in the not distant future when the control of the Excise policy will pass into popular hands. All the same it is a matter of deep shame that at present India should be committed to a policy of national suicide and should be lagging behind even Ceylon.

Tamil Settlers in Ceylon.
The "Tribune" has raised a timely protest against any Indians being sent to Ceylon as labourers. The Ceylon Government have asked for a colony of Tamil settlers with the ultimate object of securing a supply of labour and the Government of India, instead of rejecting the request summarily as they should have done, are said to be devoting serious consideration to the project. Government should know that India strongly objects to any Indian labourer being sent to the Colonies in the present circumstances and they should abandon all ideas of giving any facilities whatsoever for the recruitment of labour for the Colonies. The position of Indians in the Colonies, whether self-governing or Crown, is quite unsatisfactory and humiliating and the way Indians are being hounded out of Africa ought to have convinced Government of the utter inadvisability of entertaining such proposals as that of the Ceylon Government.

Still Discussing It.
The futile character of the Corporation's attempts to deal with high prices of food-stuffs and other necessities of life, is once more illustrated by the debate in the Corporation on the shortage of sugar supplies and the consequent high prices prevailing. Not one of the members had any constructive proposals to offer and the subject has been finally consigned to that limbo of oblivion—the High Prices Committee. From our experience of the Committee's ability and zeal in dealing with the high prices and profiteering in rice and other food-grains during the last two or three years, we may take it for granted that we shall hear very little of any use for a long time to come regarding the Committee's deliberations on the sugar shortage. But, perhaps, beyond making a representation to Government, which is little likely to have any effect, we can hardly expect the Corporation to do anything that can materially alter the situation for the public, for the only body that can take any effective action in the matter is the Government of India. We know, however, what to expect of the Government of India, who know only one policy, that of laissez faire, where the interests of the European mercantile community are not involved. While European Governments, including the British, have been busy making enormous purchases in the sugar market, with a view to tide over the future, the Government of India have been a passive spectator and we are not sure if any representative was made to the Imperial Government by our Government to release a portion of the stocks for Indian requirements. However, if the Prices Committee by any means achieve the miracle of setting the wheels of the official machinery in motion and secure a reduction in the prices of sugar, the public of Western India will doubtless feel deeply thankful to them. But can they do it?

Railway Zoolum.
Though we cannot withhold our sympathy from the gentleman and his family who were subjected to gross ill-treatment while travelling by the Calcutta-Punjab Mail train, a report of which appeared in this journal yesterday, we are obliged to remark that the tame way with which this gentleman put up a fight for, or rather surrendered his undoubted rights, is calculated more than anything else to encourage the very abuse of their powers by the railway officials of which the gentleman complains. Why did he so easily allow himself and his things to be removed from the berth which he had got reserved for himself and which he had a right to occupy in spite of all the bluff and zoolum of the station staff? He should have refused to budge from his place until actual violence was used to him, if the station-master and his underlings dared to do that. But we do not find from Mr. Devi Das' communication that he offered such justifiable passive resistance to the high-handedness of the station-master. Nor do we know if Mr. Devi Das has taken any legal steps against the Railway Company in question, for the pecuniary and other

damages sustained by him, as he is perfectly entitled to do. A mere complaint to the railway authorities is little likely to bring any redress. Only persistent and courageous constitutional resistance can put a stop to the tyranny of the sort Mr. Devi Das is complaining of and which is not an unfamiliar experience for railway travellers in this country. The Indian Passengers and Traffic Relief Association would do well to move in the present case and help Mr. Devi Das to obtain the redress to which he is entitled at the hands of the Company.

Cow Preservation.
The Marwaris of Calcutta have taken the right action in cow-preservation. They recently met under the presidency of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and accepted the proposal of floating a company with a capital of one crore for preserving cows and supplying milk to Calcutta. At the meeting itself 25 lakhs were subscribed. Is Bombay to lag behind? It is up to the Marwaris and other communities of Bombay to float a similar company to supply milk at a cheap rate to the hungry children of the City. It is shocking to learn that in this premier city, 50 per cent. of the children die within a few months of their birth. To many, milk is becoming rapidly a rarity. Bombay should take early action to preserve the cattle and also be instrumental in preserving the children of Bombay.

A Welcome Step.
Sometimes a tiny Indian State takes an action which the mighty British administration will never adopt for the public good. India has never been a wine-bibblers' country; it has been always dry and only the ruinous excise policy of the British has condemned it to be wet. Mangrol, we are glad to note, has done away with all liquor shops in the land and has proclaimed that smuggling of liquor from other States will be punished with a heavy hand. The Indian States will do a world of good to themselves and to the people entrusted to their care, if they follow the example of Mangrol.

ATTACK ON MILITARY LORRY IN DUBLIN.

SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES REPORTED.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Sept. 21.
Recd. 5:30 p.m., Sept. 21.
The attack on a military lorry in Dublin yesterday had more serious results than were at first reported. It is officially stated that two soldiers were killed and one dangerously wounded and two slightly wounded. The escort numbered seven. It is reported that one civilian has died.

THE FIGHT AT ENNISKERRY

A PITCHED BATTLE

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 2 p.m., Sept. 21.
The details of the fight at Enniskerry show that it was a pitched battle. The authorities concentrated in the district a large force of troops with the aid of a fleet of twelve motor lorries upon the information that certain land was used for drilling. The fight was sharp, but short. The soldiers flung bombs and used rifles and were supported by an armoured car.

RAID FOR ARMS BY SINN FEINERS.

PROTESTANTS VICTIMISED.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 2 p.m., Sept. 21.
Several hundreds of men conveyed in a fleet of commandeered motor lorries, swept the districts of Gortin and Plumbridge, County Tyrone. They raided a hundred Protestant houses and carried off arms in the name of the Irish Republic. The raid lasted several hours.

GOVT. MOTOR LORRY AMBUSHED IN DUBLIN.

THE CASUALTIES.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 2 p.m., Sept. 21.
A military lorry escorted by ten armed soldiers was ambushed in Dublin this morning by armed civilians. Two of the soldiers and two of the civilians were wounded and two civilians were captured.

SERIOUS COAL SITUATION.

THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF A STRIKE.

CONFERENCE IN PROGRESS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 9-30 a.m., Sept. 21.

The coal situation has not changed over the week-end, but the next few days will be changed with the most fateful consequences for the country, the economic life of which is threatened with a shattering blow, involving inevitable destitution and misery for millions.

Some quarters express hopefulness based on the reported readiness of the Government to provide a rush order of inquiry to investigate and report upon the wage advance in a few days. These quarters declare that Sunday's meetings in the mining districts indicated that the men were not anxious to strike and admitted that the public generally was against the miners. On the other hand, the meetings showed that the men would support their leaders.

To-day's resumed Conference between Sir Robert Horne and miners is regarded as the most critical and as the key to the situation. Tomorrow there meets in London the National Conference of the Miners' Leaders, while on the 22nd the railwaymen and the transport workers will meet to determine their attitude in the event of a strike.

A dangerous factor as regards the railwaymen is the widespread belief that their Union funds would be as hard hit by the miners' strike owing to unemployment doles as they would be, if the railwaymen struck and the funds had to bear the strike pay. Consequently it is argued that this may encourage the leaders to say: "Let's strike to get it over quickly and win."

Meanwhile it is authoritatively declared that the Government will not depart from its present policy, namely, that arbitration and inquiry must precede any grant of increased wages, although slight modifications in the details may be possible.

DELEGATES CONFER WITH SIR R. HORNE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 12-15 p.m., Sept. 21.

The Miners' delegates conferred with Sir R. Horne for two hours this afternoon, after which the Conference adjourned for tea. The fact that Sir R. Horne and Mr. Smillie took tea together privately is regarded as a favourable sign.

MINERS' EXECUTIVE MEET PRIVATELY.

CONFERENCE OF MINERS' DELEGATES TO DECIDE ISSUE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 5-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

After the tea interval the miners' executive met privately for two hours at the Board of Trade and subsequently dispersed without meeting Sir Robert Horne who was waiting. It is generally assumed that the whole matter will be placed before the National Conference of Miners' Delegates which is meeting in London to-morrow, when the executive will put upon the delegates the responsibility for deciding the character of future action.

IMPEPENDING FAMINE IN CHINA

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM WHOLE WORLD.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 2 p.m., Sept. 21.

Peking.—The Honan Famine Relief Committee appeals for assistance from the whole world. It declares that the famine is more severe than the reports have hitherto indicated and countless lives will be lost failing speedy help.

PRINCE OF WALES AT PORTO SPAIN.

OPPORTUNITIES OF INDIAN IMMIGRANTS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.
Recd. 12-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

Porto Spain, Sept. 17.—The Renown anchored in the roadstead this morning and the Prince of Wales had an enthusiastic reception from a large crowd when he landed. Replying to the address by the Governor at the Parliament House, the Prince referred to the fact that Trinidad provided new opportunities for progress and well-being for a large immigrant population from India, which he hoped to visit ere long.

INDUSTRIAL CRISIS.

"SUICIDE OF LABOUR INTERESTS."

"OBSERVER" ON MR. SMILLIE'S ATTITUDE.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.

Reviewing the industrial crisis, the "Observer" points out that if a coal strike comes it will mean the suicide of Labour interests. It will be impossible after it to restore the workers' wages throughout the country to their present level. If a strike comes it will be simply because Mr. Smillie has determined from the beginning to force a struggle on one pretext or another. He has not negotiated, but has proceeded from issue to issue by dictation and only abandons one claim to table a new ultimatum, the latest of which is: Two shillings for us or catastrophe for you all.

Mr. Garvin says:—For once the Government's case is unanswerable. It has offered either to refer the wage claim to an impartial tribunal or to give an increase in return for the guarantee of proportionately increased output. The writer picturesquely says that the country at present looks like a motor car which the other day stuck half over the brink at the Beachy Head. If the strike comes he thinks it will not last long and will be beaten in a way which will be memorable.

FOOD PRICES.

ANTICIPATED ENORMOUS RISE-BY CHRISTMAS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.

Speaking at the Grocers' Exhibition in London Mr. McGurdy, Food Controller, declared that apart from a possible coal strike, the food prices by Christmas would have risen to such an extent as to make the working-class family's weekly food bills nine shillings and six pence more than the last Christmas. He added that the crucial time, as regards the food prices had not yet come. It would come when the peoples of Central Europe become competitors in the world's markets with ourselves.

POLISH-LITHUANIAN DISPUTE SETTLED.

DRAMATIC SCENE AT MEETING OF COUNCIL OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.

Paris.—A dramatic scene occurred at the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations this morning when the prospects of a settlement of the Polish-Lithuanian dispute seemed very gloomy. M. Paderewski made a stirring speech expressing Poland's desire for peace and confidence that the Lithuanians had a similar desire, where upon M. Weldemar, the Lithuanian delegate, walked over to the Polish delegates and shook them warmly by the hand. After this Poland and Lithuania agreed to suspend the hostilities and allow the League to arbitrate.

GENERAL ELECTION IN SWEDEN.

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE REDS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.

Stockholm.—The Swedish Reds have sustained a crushing defeat in the general election. Not a single candidate of the party has been returned and they have lost only two seats held in the previous Parliament. The results which are not yet complete, show that the Left or the Government parties have lost seventeen seats to the parties of the Right.

BUREAUCRATIC ADMINISTRATION IN MESOPOTAMIA. LORD CURZON DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.

The "Sunday Times" publishes correspondence between Lord Curzon and Major Ormsby Gore in which Lord Curzon emphatically denies Major Ormsby Gore's charge that he is responsible for the administrative system established in Mesopotamia. He declares that the whole of his actions and opinions have been directed to the speedy institution of an Arab form of government in Mesopotamia and while defending to the best of his ability the band of Anglo-Indian officials in Mesopotamia he let it be clearly understood that neither the Government nor he in any way sympathized with the Indianizing or anglicizing of Mesopotamia or introducing a bureaucratic administration there.

POSTAL STRIKE: 2ND DAY

NO PROSPECTS OF IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT.

MR. BAPTISTA INTERVIEWED.

REJOINDER TO "TIMES OF INDIA."

STRIKERS' APPEAL.

The second day of the strike sees no improvement in the situation. An addition has been made to the number of strikers by about 160 boys from the Telegraph Department joining their brethren. It is doubtful if we have come to the end of the whole thing. Every day we might see additions to the number of strikers. On Tuesday, the postal arrangements for the distribution of letters were decent enough, but it is to be seen how long this will last. Everywhere clerks could be seen going about in victorias, hurrying hither and thither, but the sum total of all their efforts could not amount to much. The telegraph department too have requisitioned the services of their clerks and victorias bearing these men can be seen every now and then. A great deal of picturesque is added to the drabness of the affair by the addition of Boy Scouts as volunteers, who with their cycles render very valuable services to the two departments. But as this is only the beginning, the public have not yet realised the real hardships that are in store for them, even if the Postal Department has learned much from their experience of the strike they had some three years ago.

IS D.G. P. COMING TO BOMBAY? It is rumoured that the Director-General of Post and Telegraph offices is coming down to Bombay and it is to be seen whether it will ease the strained situation. At present the prospects of a settlement are very gloomy. The demands of the men and the terms granted by the authorities are as poles apart, and if no *via media* is found the public will be the chief sufferers.

The Postal authorities, the people are informed are doing their best to open delivery centres, and they have up to now started four such centres—in Apollo Street, Apollo Bunder, Secretariat and in the Old General Post Office. They intend to start many more centres in other localities. The public are requested to call at the Town Sub-post office for taking delivery of their letters. They also wish the public to understand that the mails from upcountry do not come down to the General Post Office, but those addressed to places outside the Fort are taken directly to the Town Sub-post offices from which they are delivered to the different localities. Only those letters which are meant for the Fort are sorted at the General Post Office and distributed among the Branch post offices in the area. During the strike the box system has been found to be very convenient to Commercial firms and others who can thus get their mails without much difficulty.

English mails came on Monday. These are sorted at the Mole Station by clerks and not by the ordinary sorters and sent direct upcountry and other offices in the city.

MR. BAPTISTA INTERVIEWED. Q.—Is it true that the postmen have gone on a strike without notice as alleged by the "Times of India"? A.—Certainly not. The "Times" like the Post Office knows full well that the storm has been brewing for two years. During these two years several representations were made and reminders sent. Last year I interviewed the Hon. Mr. Clark. Before the interview he had abolished the grades of Rs. 12 and Rs. 14. At the interview he abolished the grade of Rs. 15 and made certain minor changes entailing an extra expenditure of the paltry sum of about Rs. 1,500. After this the Postal Committee was appointed. When the time-scale was out Messrs. Dalvi and Ginnwalla and the men saw Mr. Clark before his departure to England. At this interview there was a bit of an explosion owing apparently to the illness of Mr. Clark. After his departure, on the 24th of August I communicated to the Director-General the unanimous resolution of the postmen and packers passed on the 20th ultimo, in which they emphatically declared "that the orders recently issued by the Government of India in the matter of their pay and allowances are totally inadequate and wholly unsatisfactory." In forwarding this resolution I wrote as follows:—

"I can assure you that the postmen are ready to resign to serve on such a pitiful scale. I would beg of you immediate attention. Delay is dangerous and is sure to drive them to the weapon of strike. Therefore please let me know by wire if you are prepared to reconsider the sanctioned time-scale of pay. I shall be glad to discuss with you any possible compromise." A copy of this was sent to the Postmaster-General of Bombay and Postmaster-General. It is therefore idle to allege as the "Times" does that the local authorities got no intimation of

the postmen's grievances. I received no wire, nor letter in reply. After waiting over a fortnight I wired that the strike would be inevitable unless I received a reply within a week. And the men struck work accordingly on the midnight of the 20th instant. Even Baron Manchhausen would not venture to call this a "lightning strike."

NO REPLY. Q.—Did you then receive no response to your appeal "to reconsider the sanctioned time-scale of pay"? A.—None whatever. On the 17th instant I received a letter from the Postmaster-General of Bombay. In this letter he recapitulated the various revisions of pay since 1914, and concluded as follows:—"In these circumstances I do not see that there is any reasonable ground for the postmen in Bombay to be dissatisfied with the scale sanctioned for them by the Government of India." This scale happened to be better than the scale recommended by the Bombay office. The local reply therefore crushed the last lingering hope of revision. Nevertheless I interviewed the Postmaster-General as a friend of the postmen. He impressed me as being anxious, but unable to help the postmen. His official attitude was "non possumus."

If Bombay is singled out for exception what will Calcutta, Madras and other cities say. Here's a deadlock brought about not by the merits of the case, but other factors. The men adduced evidence before the Committee establishing that the minimum cost of postmen with wife and two children exceeds Rs. 52. This evidence has not been challenged by Government. Government expert states that the minimum for clerks should be Rs. 12. The postmen come from a class intermediate between menials and clerks. No clerk earns less than Rs. 30 a month now-a-days. The average of the minimum for clerks and coolies works out Rs. 51. Many coolies in the Docks earn over Rs. 50.

ANY WAY OUT OF THE DEADLOCK? Q.—Is there no way out of this deadlock? A.—There is if officials are desirous to do justice. Let Government empower Mr. Sams and myself to investigate into the minimum cost of living of the postmen, packers and Telegraph peons in Bombay. If we differ, let Mr. Gandhi be the arbitrator. No one can accuse Mr. Gandhi of partiality. Let Government declare that they will accept the recommendation of Mr. Sams and myself if we agree or abide by Mr. Gandhi's decision. I believe the men will resume work at once if this be promised. The men rely on the merits of their case. To meet the increased cost I suggest a surcharge on all letters posted in Bombay. I am confident Bombay will not grudge the extra postage. I understand one pie per letter will suffice to meet the full demand of the men. If this be done no other city can complain of exceptional treatment for Bombay postmen. Other cities may follow the example of Bombay if their case calls for it.

Q.—But if Government be adamant, do you hope to win? A.—If Bombay backs the men they are bound to win. Government cannot ignore the opinion of Bombay. The Bombay is willing to bear the burden. I appeal to Bombay to help the men. They can claim this help even on the terms laid down by the "Times." It says:—"If they had put forward their grievances in a regular manner, if even they had announced that unless better terms of pay and better prospects of promotion were ensured they would leave the service, the public would have been only too glad to co-operate with them in securing fair and reasonable conditions." No honest man can say they have not done so. In fact they did not put their demand even as high as the "Times" indicates. Before they struck work they only asked if the Director-General was "prepared to reconsider the sanctioned time-scale of pay." The response was a non possumus.

NOT WITHOUT NOTICE. Q.—Apart from the merits of the men's case what about the issue raised by the "Times" viz., holding up the public without notice by any class of State officials? A.—In the first place it is not without notice. In the second place I cannot follow the logic of the "Times." It says that the real issue is should Government "be forced to concede that which they do not regard as economically justifiable?" But is it economically justifiable? We express no opinion on that point at the present juncture," says the "Times," "and we trust that the public will refrain from doing so. It is possible that very genuine grievances exist, and that exasperating delays have intervened in dealing with them." After this confession, which accords with its past pronouncement on the subject of the Postal administration it seems monstrous for the "Times" to suggest nothing but "blunt resistance." I trust the sober men of Bombay are made of better stuff than such blunt resistors. It is not fair to divert the issue from "genuine economic grievances" to an "attempt to force the hands of Govern-

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RED PERIL IN ITALY AVERTED.

SIGNAL VICTORY FOR WORKERS

GIOLITTI'S INSISTENCE UPON MEN'S CLAIMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 21.
Recd. 12-13 p.m., Sept. 21.

Rome.—It appears that the Red peril in Italy has been averted and that an agreement, which is a signal victory for the workers, has been reached owing to Signor Giolitti's insistence upon the men's claims. The agreement provides for sixty to eighty per cent increase in wages for metallurgical workers, joint control of factories between workers and employers and evacuation of factories by the workmen.

ITALIAN MANUFACTURERS.

AGREEMENT ON DUAL CONTROL.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 12-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

Rome.—Signor Giolitti has issued a decree declaring that the manufacturers agreed to dual control on the ground that the workers had affirmed that their object was to improve the disciplinary relations between the workers and the employers and to increase output. Consequently a joint committee is being established, composed of six manufacturers and six workers. The committee will draw up proposals which will be submitted to the Parliament as a Bill to reorganise the industries on the basis of Labour participation in the technical, financial and administrative control of industry. In the event of subsequent friction in any establishment the agreement provides for the appointment of a committee of two masters and two men to decide what steps are necessary.

WALL STREET BOMB MYSTERY.

REWARD OF 10,000 DOLLARS OFFERED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.
Recd. 12-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

New York.—A reward of ten thousand dollars has been offered "for information with regard to the Wall Street bomb. The newspapers state that the discovery of the parts of a clock mechanism has convinced the authorities that an enormous bomb was used, while the owner of the wagon, which is believed to have carried the explosive, has been discovered.

EXPLOSION AT GENOA BOURSE.

SIXTEEN ARRESTS MADE SO FAR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.
Recd. 12-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

Rome.—The police have made sixteen arrests in connection with the explosion at the Genoa Bourse. Those arrested include six Hungarians, who had revolvers, knives, plenty of money and passports. No damage was done by the explosion except that windows were broken.

BELEAGUERED KUFIA GARRISON.

SUPPLIED WITH NECESSARIES BY AEROPLANES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 5-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

The garrison of Kufia has been beleaguered for some weeks, but it is inferred that it is satisfactorily supplied with necessities and ammunition by air, for according to a communiqué regarding Mesopotamia issued by the War Office, the latest aerial reconnaissance ascertained that request was being made only for tobacco and cigarettes. The request was conveyed by a sign painted on a roof.

The truculent Sheikh of Dhari located twenty-five miles north-west of Bagdad with his following and a thousand camels has been subjected to an aerial attack which inflicted considerable casualties.

BOLSHEVIKS IN PERSIA.

DROP FOUR BOMBS ON IMAMZA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 5-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

In North-west Persia, Persian Consuls report that a Bolsheviki aeroplane dropped four bombs on Imamza.

NON-COOPERATION IN PRACTICE.

MORE WITHDRAWALS FROM COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

A STUDENT NON-COOPERATOR.

Mr. C. K. Gade has resigned his nominal membership of the Ballabgarh Municipality and Beach Magistrature of the Samsangam Taluka.

Mr. B. Bhim Rao, High Court Vakill, Bellary and Mr. A. R. Sitarasagar, pleader, Perakulam, have withdrawn their candidature for the Madras Legislative Council.

Mr. George Joseph of Madras has completely withdrawn from legal practice and withdrawn his children from school.

Mr. M. S. Sessa Aiyangar, Madurai, has withdrawn from candidature to the Legislative Assembly and resigned his membership of the Ramnad District Board.

Mr. H. V. Kolhatkar pleader, Jalgaon, and Mr. P. G. Joshi, pleader, Brandol, have withdrawn candidature for the new Council.

Mr. Shankar Ali wires:—Mr. Mahid Hossain, Vakill, Calcutta and Mr. Kamaluddi Jafar, Vakill, Allahabad have suspended their practice and withdrawn from Council election.

Mr. T. Prakasham, Bar-at-Law, has withdrawn his candidature for the Indian Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Noor-mahomed Kader Shaikh who had announced his candidature for a seat in the new Reformed Councils from Surat and Ahmedabad has in view of the nation's verdict for Non-Cooperation withdrawn his candidature.

Mr. Makandi Lal, Bar-at-Law, Tansdevra, U. P., although he stood against Mr. Gandhi's motion both in the Subjects Committee and in the Congress, yet inasmuch as Non-Cooperation has been passed by the majority of the Congress, has withdrawn his candidature for the Legislative Council of U. P. for the district of Garwal, for which he had been a candidate.

Mr. Rajan Chatterjee has resigned his seat in the Council of the Matheran Municipality.

IN THANA DISTRICT.

ALL CANDIDATES WITHDRAW.

KALYAN MAGISTRATE RESIGNS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

KALYAN, Sept. 20.

In a public meeting held here yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. Asanoo pleader, of Amroli, Mr. Waman Gopal Joshi of Amroli delivered a speech on Non-Cooperation and requested the audience to follow the programme laid down in the resolution of the Special Congress:—

Mr. Jannadas M. Mehta, Mr. C. V. Vaidya, Mr. M. R. Ranade, and Mr. Bapu Sahas Phadke have already withdrawn from the coming elections. Mr. Phadke has also resigned the presidency of the Honorary Bench of Magistrates Court. It is expected that two other Mahomedan Honorary Magistrates will resign shortly.

The District Branch of the Home Rule League is thinking of arranging a lecturing tour throughout the district for educating the voters not to go to the poll. It is also expected that the candidate for a Marathi seat will also withdraw shortly.

NON-COOPERATION RESOLUTION.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE NEARLY READY.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

The report of the Sub-Committee, appointed by the All-India Congress Committee, to draft instructions on the Non-Cooperation Resolution is under print and will be despatched to the members of the All-India Congress Committee shortly. Mr. V. J. Patel has arrived in Bombay this morning and is in Dr. Bhikhar's Hospital under the treatment of Dr. G. V. Deshmukh. In the meantime the work of the All-India Congress Committee will be carried on with the help of Dr. Sathaye. All communications to the General Secretaries of the Congress should be addressed to Mr. V. J. Patel, General Secretary 123 Bhaugade Road, Fort Bombay.

SUSPENSION OF PRACTICE.

In obedience to the Congress mandate Mr. R. K. H. Nandikolay, M.A., Bar-at-Law, has suspended his practice since his return from Calcutta.

STUDENT NON-CO-OPERATION.

Syed Mahomed Sher, 2nd year class, Plesha Law College, has sent the following letter to the Principal, Law College:—

Sir,—I beg leave to inform you that I have pledged myself to Non-Cooperation; therefore it is impossible for me to prosecute my studies any further. I hope you will please remove my name from your register.—"Search Light."

GAYA, Sept. 15.

In connection with the Non-Cooperation movement Mr. Md. Yasin, a clerk of the Gaya Collectorate Accountant's office, at present on deputation in connection with the District Census works, resigned his post yesterday. His resignation has not been accepted as yet.—"Search Light."

Mr. Barodaprasanna Paim of the Hovra Bar who stood a candidate for the Reformed Council from the Urdu median electorate in Howrah, his candidature in view of the resolution passed at the

POSTAL STRIKE : 2ND DAY.

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"This is camouflage or cheap clap-net." It means there must be no strike where Government are the employers, and such employers regard the demand as "economically unjustifiable," simply because the public are inconvenienced. No public was ever more inconvenienced than when the sweepers struck work. In fact the health of Bombay was seriously menaced. We knew not when plague or cholera would have overtaken us. The question is, is the grievance legitimate? It is foolish to deny the reality of the grievances when Government have not even challenged the evidence of the cost of living placed before the Committee. This fixed the minimum at Rs. 52. The time-scale makes Rs. 52 the maximum income after 21 years of service.

Q.—What is the gain to the men under the time-scale?

A.—Not much. I will prepare tables that will give the public a fair idea. They must remember that the officials took a time-scale with reluctance. Twice they rejected the proposal as impractical and impossible, with minds thus handicapped it is difficult to devise a time-scale that would prove an adequate remedy. These are the tables. You will perceive that the men on the lowest grade are the best off. Some of them get Rs. 12 over their present emoluments. Others whose promotion had been stopped for many years get a windfall. This makes the average a deceptive figure. No overseer can get Rs. 62 unless he has put in 21 years' service. Only then he will get Rs. 6 over which he gets to-day. Similarly no reader will get Rs. 59 unless he has 21 years' service. No postman will get Rs. 52 unless he has 21 years' service. A glance at the tables will show the difference between Demand and Grant and the benefits accruing from the time-scale.

Q.—Is there anything you would wish to urge?

A.—Yes. I ask for help to feed the hungry. Within a month the wolf will be at their door. I also appeal to all to refrain from breaking the back of the strike. This is ungrateful to men whose honesty and fidelity has been at the service of the public. I would also urge upon Government not to utilise the military or volunteers. I shall appeal to Labour in Parliament if any such attempt is made. I would ask you to publish this appeal from the strikers themselves.

Demand.	Rent.	Total.
Postmen—35—24—60	plus 10 equal to 70	
Readers—70	plus 10 equal to 80	
Overseers—80	plus 15 equal to 95	
Sub-Inspectors—90	plus 15 equal to 105	

Present.	Pay.	Allowances.	Total.
4th Grade—18	plus 10 equal to 28.		
3rd Grade—20	plus 10 equal to 30.		
2nd Grade—25	plus 10 equal to 35.		

1st Grade—30 plus 12 equal to 42.

Readers—35	plus 14 equal to 49.		
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Overseers—40	plus 16 equal to 56.		
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62 equal to 62	plus 10 Duty.		
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STRIKERS' APPEAL.

The Postmen, Readers, Overseers, Packers, Mail-runners, Boy messengers and Telegraph messengers working under the Postal and Telegraph Departments in the City of Bombay and Bandra, at present on strike, hereby appeal to their brethren, working on similar duties in other towns and cities of India, as well as to the Postal clerks and other Postal employees and also to all volunteer organisations in this city and elsewhere not to do anything which may directly or indirectly result in the breaking of their strike. The men have gone on strike not owing to any caprice nor without previously exhausting all constitutional ways and methods, such as representations, deputations, telegrams, etc., adopted through their respective Unions. They have been compelled to resort to the weapon of strike when all other remedies were exhausted and the authorities turned a deaf ear to their reasonable and legitimate grievances. The cost of living has enormously increased in this city and the men find it impossible to make both ends meet and feed, house, clothe their family and educate their children on the pay and prospects given to them at present by the Postal and Telegraph Departments. The men hope that this appeal of theirs will not fall on deaf ears.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The postmen and menials of the Bombay General Post Office and its Town Sub-Offices including Bandra have struck work. Though every endeavour is being made to deliver mail it is unfortunately impossible to deliver letters from temporary inconvenience. Registered letters will be delivered from 4 a.m. and 4-30 p.m.

POST AND TELEGRAPH PEONS ON STRIKE.



Photo by Mr. E. C. Jolly.

Holding a Meeting on the Esplanade Maidan, Bombay.

except on Sundays and P. O. Holidays at the Fort Delivery Centres, and between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Town Sub-Office Delivery Centres which are being opened. A list showing the localities served by each Centre will be available at the G. P. O. and Town Sub-Offices.

3. Delivery of registered and insured articles and payment of money orders will be made at the delivery post offices on proper identification. Intimations of arrival of such articles will be issued for delivery to the addressees through the respective delivery centres.

4. The hours of business at the counters of all the post offices have been temporarily curtailed and fixed from 11-30 a.m. to 3-30 p.m.

5. Parcel, Post and Insurance Service to and from Bombay G. P. O. and its Town Sub-Offices including Bandra has been temporarily suspended as in addition to the postmen, the menial staff working at the

very of their letters between the hours of 10-30 a.m. and 4-30 p.m.

N. W. VAUGHAN,
Presidency Postmaster.
Bombay, General Post Office,
Dated 20th September, 1920.

1. Apollo Bunder, Post Office.	Apollo Bunder, Colaba Causeway, Forbes Street, Ropewalk Lane, Military Square Lane.
2. Secretariat Post Office.	Wodehouse Road, Band Stand, Mayo Road, Secretariat Road, Esplanade Road.
3. Church Gate St. Post Office.	Telegraph Office, Hornby Road, Church-Gate Street to Empire Building, Waudby Road, Marzban Road, Bastion Road, Church-Gate Street, Wallace Street, B. B. & C. I. Office.
4. Apollo Street Post Office.	Apollo Street, Meadows Street, Hanam Street, Tamarind Lane, Bruce Lane, Government Dock Yard.

BENEFIT.

This grade gets Rs. 6 plus 1 rupee for every year over first 3 years. This grade gets Rs. 4 plus 1 rupee for every year over first 3 years. This grade has to have 4 years' service before it can get present Rs. 35. Then 1 rupee per every year over 4 years.

This grade requires 11 years' service before he can get his present income of Rs. 42. Then one rupee for every year over 11 years.

The only benefit to the Reader is the Duty allowance. He must have put in 11 years' service to get his present 49. He will reach 59 only at the end of 21 years. The Overseer must have put in 15 years' service before he can get his present Rs. 56. He will get Rs. 62 only at the end of 21 years' service.

benefited by it, as it was taken away shortly afterwards, for one reason or another; it was found out by the authorities that it was all a mistake. The men have been given Rs. 4 as house rent and another Rs. 6 as war allowance. Some eighteen months ago a representation was made to the telegraph authorities for certain increases in the pay and for the time-scale to be made applicable to the telegraph men, similar to that of the postmen. To this the authorities have turned a deaf ear, and no reply has yet been received. Since then representations have been made from time to time and to all of these there has been no reply. Some time ago the authorities created a new cadre of Munshi clerks, and the telegraph men transferred there actually get less pay than what they were getting as telegraph messengers. In fact, each of them gets Rs. 7 less pay than he was getting as a messenger, and when representations were made in this respect the men were told that the authorities could not interfere in the matter.

TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS AND LINEMEN.

REVISED SCALE OF PAY.

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Sept. 21. An extraordinary Gazette published on 20th September contains the Government of India's orders regarding pay and allowances of fixed pay Telegraph messengers. The scale is generally in agreement with the recommendations of the Telegraph Committee. The order affects the Bombay circle, Central Circle, Bihar and Orissa Circle, United Provinces Circle, Bengal and Assam Circle, Burma Circle, Madras Circle and Punjab and N.W.P. Circle.

Another Extraordinary Gazette published also on the 20th contains the Government of India's sanction of the revised scale of pay for the linemen of the Telegraph engineering branch with effect from 1st December 1919. In Burma and the Northern Circle except that portion which is in the United Provinces, the new scale is Rs. 22-32 and elsewhere Rs. 18-28. Initial pay of each lineman already in service on the new scale applicable to him will be fixed at the amount arrived at by increasing the sum of his existing pay, war allowance and grain compensation allowance by 13.5 per cent. and rounding off the resultant fraction of a rupee to a complete rupee. Thus a lineman who is in receipt of a pay of Rs. 17 plus a war allowance of Rs. 3 and a grain compensation allowance of Rs. 1.8 will start on new scale on a pay of Rs. 25. From the arrears of pay which will become due under this order an advance of one month's pay sanctioned under the orders passed by the Government of India in the Commerce Department on 31st May 1920 should first be deducted and the balance due to linemen should be paid in two instalments, first as soon as the sum due has been ascertained and the second two months later. With the introduction of revised scales of pay shown above war and grain compensation allowances hitherto drawn by the staff will be discontinued with effect from 1st December 1920.

POSTAL HALF-HOLIDAY ON SATURDAYS.

OPINIONS OF PUBLIC BODIES SOLICITED.

The Postmaster General has addressed the following letter to the principle public bodies in Bombay with a view to ascertain their opinion on the proposal to give postal employees in Bombay a relaxation of duties on Saturday by closing work at 2 p.m.

Sir,—I have the honour to put before you a proposal to give the Postal employees in Bombay a relaxation of duties as is given to other departments of Government, Banks, Firms and other Institutions on Saturdays by closing counter work of the Post Office at 2 p.m. and having no delivery of money orders, registered and insured letters and parcels and V.P.P. after that hour. The delivery of unregistered correspondence, despatch of mails and the sale of stamps will remain unchanged.

I have reason to believe that the hours of business of the Post Office could be curtailed to this extent without causing inconvenience to the Public since most establishments close at 2 p.m.

2. This question of relaxation on Saturdays has been represented to me by the Staff and I trust that you will view the matter with sympathetic consideration and that you will kindly let me whether you agree.

HIGHER OFFICERS OF P. O.

DEPUTATION TO COMMERCE MEMBER

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 20. The Hon. Sir George Barnes, Member for Commerce, having consigned to receive a deputation of higher officers of the P. O. Office in connection with the memorials submitted by them regarding their pay and prospects, the following officers have proceeded to Simla to meet the Hon. Member: Messrs. R. W. Hanson (Deputy Director

General), M. Lahiri (Deputy Postmaster-General), R. M. S. S. R. Kothawala (Bombay), B. Bhattacharji (Bengal and Assam), A. K. Mukherjee (Bihar and Orissa), M. Sahibuddin (C. P.), G. N. Naidu (Madras), G. D. Panthare (Pondicherry), T. J. Daintith (United Provinces), P. N. Mukherji (P. A. to Director-General).

SIMLA COMMUNIQUE.

"NO JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTREME STEP."

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Sept. 21.

A press communique says:— Information has been received from Bombay that the Postmen, Postal packers, Postal menials and Telegraph peons of Bombay City struck work on the morning of the 20th September, as they are not satisfied with the new rates of pay which have recently been sanctioned. The postmen in a letter received from Mr. Baptista with the new scale of pay but no formal notice of their intention to start the strike had been received at any rate by the Director-General Posts and Telegraphs and all the postmen who have struck work have rendered themselves liable to the penalty provided by Section 50 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898. Similarly no notice has been received from the Telegraph peons. The reasons advanced by the postmen for their dissatisfaction are that the new rates of pay and house allowances sanctioned for them do not constitute a living wage in Bombay City for men of the class from which they are drawn. In the circumstances it appears desirable to give figures to show to what extent the pay and allowances of postmen in Bombay City have been improved since the war began. On the 1st April 1914, the postmen (including probationers) in Bombay City were on grades of pay ranging from Rs. 12 to Rs. 25 a month and no house allowances were drawn. During the war the pay of postmen was increased from time to time and war and house allowances were added. On the recommendation of the Postal Committee (whose proposals with regard to the Bombay staff have been accepted in full) the time-scale of pay has now been substituted for the former graded system the introduction of this time scale being in itself a considerable concession. The postmen in Bombay City have now been placed on a scale of pay as Rs. 27 plus 1 plus 45 per month and the rate of house allowance was also raised to Rs. 7 per month. These revised rates of pay which were announced on the 30th July last have been sanctioned with effect from the 1st December, 1919, and as a further concession the Government of India accepted the Committee's recommendation that in bringing the men on to the new scale of pay all past permanent service should be allowed to count for increments on the new scale. The average pay of postmen on the new scale of pay is Rs. 36 a month and their average emoluments (i.e., pay plus house rent allowance) are Rs. 43 a month as mentioned above. Their average pay in April, 1914, was only Rs. 17.5 per month and it will be seen that the postmen now earn on an average 146 per cent. more than they earned before the war. The minimum pay of a postman is now Rs. 27 plus Rs. 7 or Rs. 34 a month which is nearly 200 per cent. in excess of the pay of a probationer in 1914. Similarly their maximum pay has been raised from Rs. 25 in April, 1914, to Rs. 45 plus Rs. 7 or Rs. 52, that is an increase of more than 100 per cent. The growth of the emoluments of postmen in Bombay City is clearly shown in the table below. Date, average pay, house rent, total allowance:— 1st April 1914, 17.5; 1st April 1915, 23.6; 1st April 1916, 24.4; 1st April 1917, 25.4; 1st April 1918, 28.4; 1st April 1919, 32.5; 1st April 1920, 36.7; 1st September 1920, 36.7; 43.

Their increases of pay more than compensate the postmen for the increase in the cost of living in Bombay and the Government have dealt generously with the postmen of Bombay City. This also applies to the inferior servants of the Post Office. The minimum pay of this class of servant was Rs. 12 a month before the war. It is now Rs. 20 and in addition they draw a house rent allowance of Rs. 7 a month.

NO REPRESENTATION FROM TELEGRAPH PEONS.

The Director has received no representations from the Telegraph peons in Bombay City and is not aware of the reason why they have struck work. These men are remunerated by fees for messages delivered and the Postal Enquiry Committee reported that their earnings range from a minimum of Rs. 33 to a maximum of Rs. 47-48 a month and that on an average their earnings amount to Rs. 41-50 a month. These earnings are liberal for the class of work which the Telegraph messengers have to perform and there is no intention of enhancing the delivery fees, but the rates of subsistence allowance have been enhanced the delivery fees but the rates of subsistence allowance have been revised and concessions are being granted in respect of leave allowances. The Director-General much regrets that the inconvenience to which the public in Bombay City will be put by this strike but it will be seen that the postmen and other servants of the Post Office and Telegraph Department who have struck work have been treated with generosity in the matter of pay and that they have no justification for the extreme step which they have taken. The Director-General feels bound to resist the strike by all means within his power and he is confident that he will have the support of the public in any measures which may be considered necessary.

The Survey Board have sanctioned a detailed survey being carried out by the agency of the G. I. P. Railway for the extension of the Dhond-Baramati Railway on two feet six inches gauge from Baramati to Malgaon and thence to Pandhara—a total distance of about seven miles. The survey will be known as the Baramati-Malgaon-Pandhara Railway survey.

different post offices have also struck work. The public are advised to send their parcels by railway. Parcels for the United Kingdom, Europe and other foreign countries will, however, be accepted only at the G. P. O.

6. The public are also advised to write to persons from whom they expect letters that the address should be clear and complete and as far as possible in English and that the name of the Post Office of delivery in Bombay must be added, as otherwise letters are liable to be returned undelivered.

7. As letter box peons have also struck work, the public are requested not to use any of the outside street letter boxes during the period of the strike, but post their correspondence in the letter boxes attached to different post offices.

8. Telegraph peons of the Post and Telegraph Combined Offices having also struck work, the delivery of telegrams will only be made at the counter of the office where enquiries should be made.

9. Registered letters and parcels remaining undelivered and money orders remaining unpaid for 8 days will be returned to the office of posting or issue.

10. Temporary clerks are required for the Post Office or delivery work on payment of Rs. 3 a day. Applications should be personally brought to the undersigned between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Bombay G. P. O.

11. The Postmaster-General will be much obliged if the public will kindly co-operate with and help the Post Office to decide over this difficulty which, it is hoped, will not last long.

DELIVERY CENTRES.

For the convenience of the residents and firms in the Fort the Post Office has opened 10 delivery centres at the following places. These delivery centres will serve the localities named below. The public are invited to call at these centres to obtain deli-

Crawford Market, Sitarani Building, Police Commissioner's Office, Gokuldas Tejpal Hospital, St. Xavier's School, Paltan Road, School of Arts.

Modikhana, Fort Street, St. George's Hospital, Victoria Terminus, Alexandra Dock, Bombay Municipality, Cruickshank Road, Marine Lines from No. 4 to Marine Lines War Hospital, Frere Road from Fort Market to Alexandra Dock.

Borah Bazar, Cawasji Patel Street, Parli Bazar Street, Old Police Court Lane, Raghunath Dadaji Street, Gunbow Street, Shapurji's Chakla.

Mint Road, Ballard Road, Karwar Street, New Modikhana, Pathar Bunder, Nicol Road.

TELEGRAPH STRIKE.

Along with the Postmen in the city the telegraph sepoys have also struck work, and yesterday some 150 boys from the latter department struck work in addition to the 350 men.

HISTORY OF TELEGRAPH STRIKE.

It has been stated that the telegraph men had given no notice and that they had no substantial grievances, and it may be interesting in this instance to give the whole history of the movement. At the very outset it may be stated that the men had no revision of their pay since the year 1908—twelve years. At the time of the last strike an increase of Rs. 2 was given, but nobody

IMPERIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD DAY'S IMPRESSIONS.

STORY OF A MANIFESTO.

(BY A VISITOR.)

SIMLA, Sept. 2.

The third day's meeting of the Council was a poor show, the proceedings lasting but two hours. Before I narrate what happened that day, I might be permitted to chronicle what in public interest I feel I ought to disclose. I refer of course to the anti-non-cooperation manifesto issued by thirteen of our so-called representatives in the Imperial Council. It was common knowledge that long before he left for Simla, Mr. Banerjee wanted to respond to the Viceroy's call by declaring himself against this "most foolish of all foolish schemes." But he postponed his action till his arrival here, only because he wanted to consult some of his trusted colleagues. The news of the Wiloughby murder, however, reached Simla almost along with this leader of the "saner section of Indian politics," and gave a fillip to his movement with the result that the very next day we witnessed the spectacle of this old Congressman running up hill and down dale in search of his confederates who would affix their signatures to a document which was as ill-conceived as it was cryptic. The first he could get hold of was the Raja Sahab of Mahmudabad and he readily fell in with his proposal. Next was his patron, the Maharaja of Coimbatore, at his residence in "Shantikutit"; surely there could have been no difficulty in getting his support, because his views, if he has any, are nothing but a reflection of those of the Editor of his paper. But he dared not ask Mr. K. V. Rangaswami Iyengar of Madras who was also at the same residence, because he is a confirmed "Nationalist"! Being a faithful disciple, Dr. Sarbadhikari, as might have been expected, followed his leader; but what to say of Mr. Sastri who is endowed with a disposition to please all? I hear he hesitated a good deal and put his signature only on compulsion being brought to bear upon him—a decision which, an hon. member was heard to say, he afterwards repented. About the other luminaries who adorn the list I have nothing to say except to point out that Mr. Banerjee in his desire to get support to the movement made no discrimination between a friend and foe. This fact is illustrated by the adhesion to his rank of an apostate who has never made a secret of his attitude in season and out of season. But nothing is more deplorable than the "change of front" of Mr. Sinha who is considered to be a Congressman with progressive ideas. Well, he might differ from the Congress in regard to this question of non-cooperation as many others do; but certainly the morning after the Khari outrage was the time for explaining your position in the dizzy heights of Simla, and that at a time when thousands of your countrymen are gathering at Calcutta to discuss and decide on this burning topic of the day.

Attempt to Coax Mr. Patel.

But what was even more dramatic was the attempt on the part of Mr. Banerjee to coax the hon. Messrs. Patel and Chandra who were living in the same hotel as himself. Knowing that they were hard nuts to crack, Mr. Banerjee safely shovled the responsibility for it on the innocent shoulders of the Raja Sahab who, I understand, first went to Mr. Patel and after presenting the document began to explain in English with a rapidity and lucidity which only those who have heard him speak and talk can easily understand. The sharp brain of Mr. Patel did not require all this explanation, and he forthwith burst out in Urdu, meaning: "Well, Raja Sahab; I know what you mean. You want my signature to this manifesto. It says that you do not approve of the principle of non-cooperation. But I approve of it and so I can't be a party to it." And then, and crest-fallen, he turned his attention towards Mr. Chandra who long before any explanation, decided upon his course of action by a glance at the signatories, and told, it is stated, rather bluntly, "I cannot sign this, whatever it may contain, so long as it is associated with the name of Sir Umar Hayat Khan." These side-lights will throw a flood of light on the mentality of the signatories and those who refused to subscribe to it.

Mr. Banerjee's Feat.

The Khari outrage formed a fitting prelude to the proceedings of the day, and the Viceroy expressed his horror and detestation at the murder in a neat little speech delivered quite *ex tempore*. On the other hand, the feelings of the members were given expression to by their permanent spokesman who was the author of that ill-timed manifesto referred to above. He stood up with a manuscript speech in hand—a speech in the preparation of which I have reasons to believe he spent more than two hours at a certain well-known place the previous evening. Mr. Banerjee, the remarkable feat of whose admirable memory I had occasion to witness many times, did not even look at this ready-made speech, but went on from beginning to end in a manner worthy of the "Indian Demosthenes." We expected from the gallery that this orator would be followed by some of the Extremists who would join in the denunciation of the crime, but neither Mr. Patel nor Khaparde was to be seen, for both of them had left for the Calcutta Congress. Chandra or Mr. Iyengar might have been there, but while the former was

prevented by the doctor who had passed an injunction order restraining him from speaking, the latter, on account of natural defects in his ears, is rendered a mere figure-head, and further he had not that advantage of a twenty hours' notice which Mr. Banerjee enjoyed.

Three Bills in Three Minutes.

"Since this Bill was introduced, I have received no amendments of any kind, and I therefore move that it be passed"—said the Hon. Member thrice in respect of three separate bills which were all passed without any discussion. For the same reasons some more bills were placed on the Statute Book, and it looked really strange that legislative measures of very important nature were agreed to without a word of disapproval or of approval being uttered by non-official members. None can assert that all these enactments were flawless; and my experience of this Council leads me to think that if only Mr. Sarma had not been shunted on to the other side, there would have been endless number of amendments revealing what Mr. Sastri would call "capital defects" of these measures. But as it was, there were so many as four bills passed in no less than three minutes—a record which even Lord Lansdowne could not have dreamt of on his auspicious Tuesday.

The Coinage Bill.

The Finance Member, however, created some zest to an otherwise dull day by introducing the Coinage Bill intended to give effect to the legal tender ratio as recommended by the Currency Committee. As usual, he had his typed speech on the table, but he scarcely looked at it more than three or four times when he wanted to brush up his memory. His manner of delivery is excellent, bold and straight. A financial discussion without Mr. Sarma is something like the play of "Hamlet" without the Prince. That was the impression which one could gather in the course of the debate which the Revenue Member was watching very attentively. Mr. Tata who had given notice of an amendment for postponing the introduction of the Bill till the next Council, was arranging his papers when, like a bolt from the blue, the Viceroy startled the non-officials by virtually ruling it out of order as it was a "direct negative" to the substantive motion. Mr. Sarma's successor, however, persisted in having his say, come what might. His appearance reminded me of a photo of Lenin or Trotsky (I forget exactly whose) and what seemed to terrify me most was his serpent-like whiskers. Though very inaudible, his speech faithfully represented the Indian point of view with a courage born of injured feeling; and after quoting Mr. Dalal's minority report, he forecasted that if the persistent policy is persisted in, the country will be thrown on the verge of starvation. Representatives of the Bengal and Bombay Chambers of Commerce who had their own axes to grind, presented the other side of the shield, with the result that Mr. Hailey's substantive motion was carried.

Mr. Banerjee's knowledge of currency questions could be gathered by his discreet silence in the debate. But he suddenly burst upon the Council with a torrent of congratulatory on the Commander-in-Chief for having decided to get the Territorial Force Bill referred to a Select Committee, which, to him meant, to have it passed during this session. Not satisfied with the performance, he wanted that the Mahomedan community of southern India should be represented in the person of Mr. Asad Ali Khan. His Excellency readily assented to the suggestion, but my knowledge of the working of Select Committees is enough to assert that this addition has, instead of strengthening the Indian element, only weakened it.

MR. R. K. SIDHWA WITH-DRAWS CANDIDATURE.

LOYALTY TO CONGRESS RESOLUTION

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, Sept. 21.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Vice-President, All-India Home Rule League withdrawing his candidature from the Bombay Council writes to the press:

"I voted against Mr. Gandhi's resolution because his programme does not contain the establishment of any organisation. Remember our Home Rule movement in 1917 and how successful it proved because we had a full organisation with us. My second reason for opposing is that we have not given final notice to the British Cabinet and the third is that although no provision has been made in the new Act to hold Indian life and honour sacred in times of crisis like that of last year, we have secured a weapon to fight our case. Imagine the moral effect produced in the country by Lord Chelmsford's decision on Mr. Sastri's resolution on the Punjab officers in the Council last week. Could such a service have been rendered by remaining outside the Council. However, as a loyal Congressman it would be disloyal to violate the decision of the nation and enter the Council, and I have accordingly withdrawn my candidature."

NON-CO-OPERATION IN KARNATAK.

ENERGETIC PROPAGANDA WORK.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

BELGAUM, Sept. 21.

Sriyut Gangadharrao Deshpande and Mr. Wagle on their return from Calcutta are in high earnest carrying on the propaganda of the Congress Non-Cooperation programme in Karnatak. They addressed mass meetings in Dhavare, Hubli, Gadag and Shiggaon delivering more than a dozen lectures. They consulted local opinion and their experience is that the Congress has a hold upon the masses in a way even Congress leaders themselves perhaps are not fully aware of. The people here are ready to respond to the call of the Congress enthusiastically.

Mr. Harguppiroo, a rising pleader, has suspended his practice and resigned the secretaryship of the Bar Association and Bar Library.

KHILAFAT DELEGATION'S WORK.

VISIT TO THE POPE.

NEED FOR WORKERS.

MR. MAHOMED ALI'S LETTER.

We print below a letter of Mr. Mahomed Ali to Mr. Shaikat Ali:—

Hotel Wagram,

Paris.

August 5th 1920.

My dear Shaikat,

I have got to give you this week the account of a whole fortnight instead of only a week as hitherto, because in travelling from Rome to Territet in Switzerland and thence to Geneva and back again to Territet to return to Paris, I missed one mail, and it has been a fairly crowded fortnight.

There was the question of an audience with the Pope from whom it was essential to get an expression of opinion acknowledging the Religious Tolerance shown by the Turks and their Government, and an admission that it was not we, the Mussulmans, who desired to create or promote religious antipathies. I had been working off and on for some months for securing Catholic support in France for an audience of the Pope and did not like to leave that work unfinished. Nevertheless, I must confess I did not expect that my visit to Italy would be quite so important or successful as it turned out to be. Ghalib Komaly Beg was the only man I knew there and that too, of course, through correspondence. But when I reached there my heart was gladdened at the sight of so many of our co-religionists, quite a good many of whom spoke English fairly well. I met Egyptians, Tripolitans, Albanians and, of course, Turks. This letter with the Islamic spirit which gives us hope and all of these friends, but it will suffice to know that many of them were very intelligent people and that they were one and all imbued with the Islamic spirit which gives us hope of building up the fabric of the Islamic world again and with God's assistance, securing the objects for which Islam stands.

TRIPOLITAN WAR-BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

I was impressed a great deal by a Tripolitan who convinced me that the Tripolitan war was a great blessing in disguise since it had awakened our brethren of northern and even central Africa, who now greatly desire that the solidity of Islam should be fully realised, and not remain a mere pious wish and a dream.

Nobody wanted to be aggressive or anti-Christian or anti-European, and all wanted that an opportunity should be secured for peacefully working out the destiny of Islam in every land. No one was tainted with the narrow nationalism that had kept the Muslim people apart, even when they awoke to find that they were being preyed upon by European aggression. Ghalib Komaly Beg and an Egyptian friend who are trusted by the Italian Government and deservedly exercise considerable influence, arranged for interviews with Count Sforza and Signor Giolitti, while I was working through a former Camerier of the Pope, Count Moroni, for the private audience at the Vatican.

I think I told you in my last letter that I called on Monsignor Samperi, the Major-domo of the Pope on Friday in the forenoon and explained to him the object of my visit. He told me, after he had heard me, that the matter concerned the Secretary of State more than himself, and he sent me with all the papers to Monsignor Tedeschini who was acting as the *locum tenens* of Cardinal Gaspari, the Secretary of State. This was a very intelligent, handsome and elegant dignitary and was greatly interested in the mission of peace and reconciliation on which we have come to Rome. But, as it happened, Cardinal Gaspari had returned from Tivoli, a much cooler place to which many of these people go in the summer months when it is too hot in Rome. The Pope alone is a prisoner at the Vatican, for he will not go anywhere outside the small area in which he has temporal power still left to him. Monsignor Tedeschini asked me if I would not like to meet the Cardinal himself and I readily assented. So we marched on to the Cardinal's own rooms and were received by him as soon as Monsignor Tedeschini came himself with the papers. I must reserve for another occasion a description of the medieval uniform of the Swiss Guard of the Pope and their medieval staves, the Guard of Nobles, the Cameriers and other Functionaries and Attendants also of the stateliness of the rooms and the appointments befitting the royal state in which the Pope lives even to-day.

CARDINAL GASPARI.

Cardinal Gaspari received us with great courtesy at the door of his room and seated me beside himself, while a Turkish gentleman, Mohamed Hilmi Bey who had recently come from Constantinople and knew both English and French, interpreted for me. We talked together for about an hour at the end of which he had realised the gravity of the situation in the East and the necessity of

the Pope's expression of opinion on the general question of Islam and Christianity and their present relationship with each other. But he began to wonder how the British Government would look upon our being received in private audience by the Pope. However, I explained to him that the question that had brought us to Europe was a religious one, that the object of our visit was perfectly peaceful, that Passport had been given to us for France, Italy and America, to place our case before the peoples and Governments of the Allied and Associated Powers, as well as the British Nation and Government, because the Turkish Settlement was a matter in which England only was not concerned and which England only could not decide, that England had not objected to our work in France, nor had any reason to object, that the French Government did not feel it was offending the British Government in receiving us and that had already heard us, that the Italian Government was not in the least likely to have similar apprehensions and that, in any case, when secular governments considered our work for Islam and the Khilafat perfectly natural and legitimate, nobody could take exception to our coming to the Head of a large Christian Nation to whom we desired to give an assurance of peace and of reconciliation and from whom we desired to secure a similar assurance. Then came the question of the possibility of securing an audience on the 28th, the day of the Pope's departure for the 29th. The Pope participated, or on the day after which was a Sunday. As I was anxious, if possible, to be present in Paris on the 27th when the final words of the Turks about accepting or rejecting the Treaty was to be given. I was rather sure that the audience could not be arranged earlier; but finally decided to stay on if I could secure it soon after the 28th.

VISIT TO ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM.

The letters of introduction which I had brought myself had already been sent both to Count Storani, a friend of Count De Maupas Jaglary, Camerier of the Pope, who had given both the letters and to Monsignor Samperi, the Major-domo. But unfortunately, on account of the wretched postal and telegraphic arrangements, the letter which Count De Maupas had posted himself to his friend Count Moroni, which explained at great length the character of the Delegation and its mission, had not arrived, as I learned when I saw Count Moroni that afternoon. Nevertheless it came a day or so later and was sent on immediately to the Vatican. In the meantime I went to see Cardinal Camassari, formerly Archbishop of Jerusalem. He lives in the College of the Dominican Order. He is a fine old man, and I was greatly impressed by his piety and goodness. He could understand English so that an Interpreter was not necessary. He acknowledged the religious tolerance shown by the Turks in Palestine and was not satisfied with the arrangements now contemplated by the Mandatory Power in Palestine. I was with him for over an hour and he promised to speak at the Vatican about the audience with the Pope. It was not, however, until the 26th that I began to entertain hopes of being able to secure an audience, and I assured Count Moroni, who went several times to the Vatican to arrange for the audience, that I would not mind in the least if his Holiness referred the matter to the British Mission and ascertained the wishes of the British Government. On Tuesday the 27th, however, I was told that the matter had been referred at last to the British Mission, who intended to decide the matter themselves by the evening without reference to the British authorities, and finally, at dinner time Count Moroni arrived with the Comtesse and brought the invitation from Monsignor Samperi for myself and Mayat for 11-30 the next day. Count Moroni is 75 years old, and has heart trouble; but he did not show his age at all, and looked more like 60 to 65, though the Comtesse, who is, I believe, younger, looked very old, and I was sorry to find that she had much trouble on our account. They came to see us three or four times, but were very happy when the audience was at last arranged.

TO THE VATICAN.

On the morning of Wednesday, the 28th, we got ready to go to the Vatican; but, as we were going, we found that we had to dress at that hour in evening clothes, such being the ceremonial dress in which people are seen by his Holiness. It looked horrible, but I managed to look less ridiculous, though, perhaps, not less bizarre, by throwing over the evening clothes the Aba which was so kindly given to me by Pir Ibrahim Sahib of Bagdad on my departure from India, and which, as you remember, was received just before the ship left Bombay harbour.

I pass over a description of the rooms through which we passed and the various guards and other functionaries that we found on duty. When I reached the Auto-Chamber next to the Throne Room I ascertained

from the Monsigneur in attendance if there was any particular ceremony to which I was expected to conform and, on finding that the usual thing was for the visitors to kneel before his Holiness, I explained that this we could not do as Mussulmans, for we reserved that for Allah alone. This satisfied the Monsigneur, who asked us in that case merely to salute the Pope in our own way three times, which we did according to our own etiquette of Sujra.

POPE'S CORDIAL WELCOME.

I am told that his Holiness receives people while sitting on the throne, but in this case the Pope came all the way from his throne to receive us at the door, and while the Monsigneur in attendance knelt, his Holiness said aloud "Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!" with the utmost cordiality and, shaking me by the hand, took me to his throne and would not sit until he had made me sit in a chair quite close to him, placing Mayat on my left and our friend Mohamed Hilmi Bey on my right. I have already wired a very short summary of the interview which I had drawn up very carefully and with great satisfaction so that the Vatican may have a copy of it. But in reality the audience was much more emphatic and cordial than our cable is likely to suggest.

It seems that Cardinal Gaspari, who had asked me what Mr. Lloyd George had told us in England, had taken care to repeat to his Holiness what the Prime Minister of England had said about the Powers having deprived the Pope of his Temporal Power. He asked me the same question and I repeated what Mr. Lloyd George had said to us, to which the Pope said that the loss of the Temporal Power of the Papacy was an argument more in our favour than against us, for he realised every day that having been deprived of Temporal Power, there were many things that he could not do in the interests of the Catholic Faith which he would otherwise have done quite reasonably and legitimately. Of course, I could not enter into any controversy with Mr. Lloyd George about the rights and wrongs of a matter which concerned the Christians only, and not me, for me to discuss the matter with his Holiness; but in any case, the position of the Khilafat is quite different from that of the Pope, even if the matter is looked at from the Protestant point of view. What we were chiefly concerned with was to explain to him what Islam required of Mussulmans with regard to the Khilafat and the Jazirat-ul-Arab; how our conscience was being outraged by the Treaty forced upon Turkey; how pledges were given to us and subsequently broken; and how little the Mussulmans were responsible for any feelings of religious animosity that might be created if hostilities were to continue.

I explained the volume and intensity of feeling in India and the East, generally with regard to the matter, and then explained the pacific character of Mr. Gandhi, who not only preached, but practised the Sermon on the Mount. His Holiness, when he had heard of the four steps in the programme of cessation of co-operation, and failing success in that, the reservation by the Mussulmans of the right to migrate or declare Holy War, said he hoped we would succeed in gaining our object peacefully; but he acknowledged that it was not we who desired to war on people of other faiths, and he assured us that the Catholic world desired peace with the Islamic world and accepted our own assurance on this head. He mentioned that, only a couple of months ago, he had issued an Encyclical in which he had expressed regret that these Peace Treaties which had recently been signed, although they, perhaps, marked a cessation of hostilities, had completely failed to bring peace to the world. So at the conclusion of the audience I respectfully suggested to his Holiness that an Encyclical might also be issued with regard to the controversy that was provoked by the project of the Turkish Treaty, and indicating the attitude which the Catholics should take up in this connection and he promised that he would give the matter his careful consideration. This was no Temporal sovereign, but he still commands the allegiance of hundreds of millions of people and, at any rate, we do not want any good Christian to be antagonised merely because we stand up for our rights, while those whom Imperialistic greed or desire to exploit the less developed regions and the theosophical races of mankind drives on to conquest and annexation, want to make their ambitions more respectable by throwing in disabuse of religious prejudices over them. I hope this audience is not the end, but the beginning of relations with the Vatican. We as Mussulmans and our trust is in God and in ourselves, but we do not want to have people to whom we are not hostile as our enemies, and we must try to eliminate as much hostility as possible without surrendering any of our rights. I trust it may be possible to get an Encyclical from the Pope, but even if that is not secured, we could continue the good relations now begun.

INTERVIEW WITH COUNT SFORZA.

And now I come to the interviews with Count Sforza and Signor Giolitti, which took place on Sunday, the 28th July. The interview with Giolitti had been arranged a day or two before this date without my having had to ask for it personally. On Saturday evening two Italian gentlemen came to see me at the Hotel, one a Mr. Fago who has been in touch with Turks and the Italian Official circles, and the other a Senator, Prince Conti, who is connected with over 50 Factorie and business concerns and is a man of great influence in the commercial world and also, indirectly, in the political world of Italy. They asked me if I had heard from Count Sforza, whom they had seen on behalf of some of our friends, and who had in their presence asked one of the under-secretaries to communicate to me that he would be glad to see me on the following day. This letter I had not received, but it came, I believe, on the following morning. The two appointments were too close to each other (one at 10.30 and the other at 11) and as I was likely to have a long interview with Count Sforza, we arranged that I should go to the Foreign Office earlier than the time fixed and that Mr. Fago should arrange that I should be

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MR. GANDHI IN BOMBAY.

"MUCH BETTER IN HEALTH."

KNILAFAT DEPUTATION TO ARRIVE ON OCTOBER 3.

Mr. Shaikat Ali writes:—

Mohi Wahidossain, a well-known Vakil, High Court, Calcutta has withdrawn from Council election and suspended legal practice to do Khilafat work in Bengal.

Mr. Kamaluddin Jafrey, Vakil, Allahabad has given up both Council and practice to work in U. P.

Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Shaikat Ali returned to Bombay from Bolpur and Calcutta.

The Mahatma is much better in health and after a few days' rest in the Ashram will be ready for his tour in U. P., Behar and Bengal.

Mr. Mahamad Ali Maulana Nadvi, Messrs. Abdulkasim and Hazrat sailed safely from Brindisi on the 17th and reach Bombay on 3rd October.

Local Khilafat workers are organising work in all provinces and districts. A small Committee has started work in Bombay in right earnest. Detailed instructions will shortly be issued to all Khilafat workers by the Central Committee.

NATIONAL CONGRESS AND NON-CO-OPERATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—With reference to your leading article in today's "Chronicle," kindly permit me to make a few observations.

I declined, two months ago, an invitation to contest a constituency in the forthcoming elections, and so I have no personal interest in the Congress resolution on Non-Cooperation one way or another.

The point I wish to raise is this. It has all along been understood that Mr. Gandhi's adhesion to Non-Cooperation did not depend upon a favourable, and would not be affected by an unfavourable, decision of the Congress. And he said at the All-India Congress Committee meeting which followed the Congress that "as he had expressed his opinion in the Press, the Subordinate Committee and elsewhere, he would state it again that it was perfectly competent for the minority to continue to be members of the Congress and to be free to act or not to act on the resolution of the Congress according to their convictions and conscience."

In other words, having made the question a matter of conscience for himself, Mr. Gandhi concedes the same right to others. In passing, let me remark that those of the minority who have since accepted the resolution as binding on themselves, do not seem to view the issue in the same light as Mr. Gandhi, so far as the factor of conscience is concerned. Their view seems to be that it is purely a question of method, and that the great thing is that all must hold together. There is much to be said for this view. If everyone made a matter of conscience of every step and gesture, common action for great national ends will be impossible.

The fact, however, remains that the Non-Cooperation resolution was proposed and discussed in the Special Congress on the basis of Mr. Gandhi's principle. I have not seen in the reports of the Congress proceedings anywhere that the question of its binding character on all delegates was specifically raised or insisted upon. On the other hand, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, on the morning of the Congress session, declared that he did not regard the resolution as binding on him as a Congressman, and Mr. Gandhi, as observed above, endorsed his opinion.

Out of over 5,000 delegates, only about 2,000 voted for the resolution. Of the rest, about 1,000 voted against it, and the rest stayed away. It is possible that a considerable number stayed away because the resolution of the Congress, it was understood, was only binding on those who voted for it. If they had been told that it was to be binding on all, would so many have absented themselves? Of course, I am assuming that very few of those who were earnest about the adoption of Non-Cooperation by the Congress, were among the absentees.

In these circumstances, it seems to me to be wrong to impute want of loyalty to any Congressman who does not choose to tread the path of Non-Cooperation. Those among the minority who voted against the resolution, but have since decided that, in the interests of the country, they should go back on their votes and cooperate in Non-Cooperation, have done so voluntarily. They are entitled to credit for their public spirit even at the hands of those who may consider it misconceived.—Yours, etc.,

K. NATARAJAN.

Bandra, Sept. 21.

FRACAS BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND MILITARY POLICE.

(Associated Press.)

LUCKNOW, Sept. 20.

A fracas between soldiers and military police took place at Rink Theatre, Lucknow, on the evening of Sept. 19. A Sub-Inspector was of police went to the theatre to see that the police were not responsible for the disturbance.

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received by Count Sforza earlier so that I could see Signor Giolitti at 11. This was done and I saw Count Sforza at about 10 minutes past 10 and was with him till 11.20. He speaks English well enough and it was not necessary to talk through an interpreter, though I had a Turkish friend with me who had been in England for a number of years and was a great friend of Lord Willingdon. This was the most satisfactory interview that I have yet had, and I urged upon the Count the desirability of Italy's setting the example to other Powers to-day of breaking away from the old policy of securing a "Scientific Frontier" and fortifying her position by securing the gratitude of Oriental people and Muslims. Albania was the topic of the day. There had been fighting there and the Albanians had been able to free the greater part of the country which had been occupied by Italian troops. Vellona had been the last place for which the Albanians had been struggling, and we had had news that the Albanians had taken over that. The moment was critical. Italy did not like any other Power to secure a footing there, and be a menace to her in the Adriatic. So, while willing to give up even Vellona, Italy was desirous of fortifying an Island and two other points on either side of it. It was in regard to this that I appealed to Count Sforza and asked him whether he could believe that the Albanians, who did not want the Italians there, would tolerate anybody else either. Of course, it may be possible for another Power to thrust herself there, but this could be avoided if Italy assisted Albania to fortify herself against such encroachments, and to her self-interest would be added the force of gratitude to Italy, so that Italy could be doubly secured against the menace that she feared. I do not want to take any credit for anything because, after all, it was the Albanians themselves who were the strongest force and next to them, the Italian people, who were entirely opposed to any aggression on the part of the Government in Albania or Tripoli or any other place. I have been assured by the Albanians that this interview had great effect and before I left Rome I was assured by Weheeb Pasha, the brother of Essad Pasha of Janina fame (which he had defended along with his brother) that the Italian Government accepted all the demands put forward by him and his people and that our interview was quite timely.

I have read in the "Times" to-day about the Treaty that was signed between Italy and Albania at Tirana, but I am not sure whether the news is strictly correct as it seems that Italy has reserved to herself the right of fortifying the island and the two points. The "Daily Herald," however, mentions that Italy has given up the right to fortify these places. At any rate the High Commissioner, who was not *persona grata* to the Albanians, has been recalled.

TRIPOLI.

We discussed about Tripoli, and I understand that the Italian Government is anxious to have a thorough settlement with the people in Tripoli, though the Government finds it hard to break off all connection with Tripoli after having declared its annexation. Short of that it seems to be willing to do everything to satisfy the people of Tripoli, and I hope the Government will before long recognise some one chief or head of the Tripolitans with whom to deal formally in the future.

But with regard to the Turkish settlement, Count Sforza realised that it was a religious question, and a question that affected the Muslims all the world over, and he said it was partly on account of the desire to be just to Turkey, and partly with a view to pacify the Mussulmans of Tripoli and Albania that Italy had taken up the attitude for which I had expressed our appreciation. I told him the Mussulmans had lost many virtues before they had lost empire, and had acquired many vices which they must get rid of if they wished to retain any power in the world; but the one virtue that they had not lost was gratitude, and the one vice that they had not yet acquired was ungratefulness. Any Power that would be ungrateful to Islam to-day must be ready to face Muslim resentment, even though we may be powerless sometimes to express that resentment in an effective manner. Similarly any Power that would befriend Islam to-day may be sure that Mussulmans would do everything in their power to pay her back, not only in goodwill and sympathy, but in every possible practical manner including commercial preference.

Sforza interrupted me here with the remark that it is not so much for commercial advantages that he would work, but that the assurance of peace and goodwill was far more important to the Italian Government.

While we were talking, 11 o'clock struck, and I told the Foreign Minister that I had an appointment at that hour with Signor Giolitti; but he said the Prime Minister would be in his office until 12, and would not mind if I were late; and so we went on talking for another 20 minutes or more. I explained the Indian claims with regard to the Khilafat, the pledges given to us, and the consequences likely to ensue if these pledges were broken and our claims not fully satisfied. He was greatly surprised that pledges of such a specific character as we attributed to England had not been better respected, and he hoped that we might yet succeed. Before we left he told me not to be so pessimistic as he felt sure I knew the English character too well to despair. They are, he said, a practical people, and they would never let the growth of dissatisfaction among the Muslims grow to such a point as that of India.

That we had been loyal to the Sultan, and loyal to none on this subject, and that when we

with any pleasure in doing so; in fact, our leader Gandhiji desired that none of us should approach this question even in a hostile spirit, and Count Sforza, for his part, of the British Government and as a Ally they were anxious that the British Empire should prosper and enjoy peace.

TO GIOLITTI'S PALACE.

From the Foreign Office we went to Giolitti's official palace. We found him rather different from the kind of man we expected to see. It was not Giolitti but Sforza who gave the impression of alertness and great intelligence. But we soon realised that Giolitti, although a much quieter looking man, understood the position thoroughly and was perhaps the only man who could carry on the Government of Italy in these difficult times. Our claims with regard to the Khilafat he not only understood, but considered fully justified, and he did not suffer from any confusion of ideas which is at the bottom of suggestions like Mr. Asquith's for the Vatisation of the Khilafat. Although our conversation did not last more than half an hour, and naturally half this time was taken up in the interpretation, nothing of any importance was omitted, and we came back with the assurance that we had fully explained our cause to a man of great sagacity and experience who sympathised with our point of view.

I expected to have interviews with one or two other Ministers which Giolitti had suggested, but as I did not hear from him before I left, I told my friends that I would see them on my way back to India through Italy. We might as well catch the boat at Brindisi as at Venice.

SWISS INVITATION.

When I was in Paris I had received for the whole of the Delegation an invitation to a dinner to be given in our honour at Montreux by the Muslim Club in Switzerland, and in view of the fact that at Lausanne the Mussulmans had been doing excellent work in refuting the charges brought against them by Greeks and Armenians, we agreed that we should not refuse such a kind and generous invitation, which would afford us an opportunity of expressing our appreciation also of our brothers' work. But it was really impossible for us to go to Switzerland merely for a dinner or even to meet these fellow workers on our cause; so I had made the acceptance conditional—the condition being that if I could find time I would go to Montreux on my way back from Rome. As I found that the Turkish Treaty was not to be signed on the 27th, and as in any case I was delayed by the Pope at Rome and could not reach Paris by the 27th, I had no excuse for not responding to the Swiss invitation. Moreover there was an International Conference of the Socialist Party at Geneva, which is only a couple of hours journey from Montreux, I decided to kill two birds with one stone. We arrived rather late in the evening, the train being two hours late, and after a bath and a change went to dine at the Villa Viotre, quite close to the Grand Hotel des Alpes where we put up. Our hotel has one of the finest sights on the great Lake Lemano or Lake Geneva, and our rooms were most beautifully and neatly furnished.

AN EGYPTIAN HOST.

At the Villa we met half a dozen friends. The host was Hossain Shirin, an Egyptian who welcomed us at half past ten at night with a most magnificent young Egyptian in his arms—his son Ismail who is less than a year old and is practically motherless to-day. (Such a dear little chap. We have been photographed together). Then there was Essad Fuad (the son of Marshall Fuad Pasha) who had issued the invitation to us. There was Hossain's brother and another Egyptian, Fuad Selim Bey, a very fine man who had been the Turkish Minister in Switzerland before the present incumbent Reshad Khalis, friend of Damad Ferid Pasha, who has come to sign the Treaty. And then of course there was our dear friend Dr. Bahjat Wahbi, the friend of Anson and a magnificent writer. And not to lag behind such kind friends in their welcome a Turkish cook from Kastamouni had prepared a magnificent Turkish dinner, of which both Hayat and myself ate three times as much as was good for us. But we did not forget to remember you when both of us were devouring the dainties served. You can ask Hayat whether or not I have always given your love to every good man that I have met and remembered you at every good meal that I have had.

After dinner we met another half dozen friends, mostly Egyptians, and it was at about 2 o'clock that we retired to bed. We missed Khalid Khalid Bey greatly, but he had gone to St. Moritz with an Egyptian friend who had found the heat at Territet rather oppressive. They sent us a wire regretting their absence.

VISIT TO ORILLON CASTLE.

The next morning we went with Essad Fuad and Bahjat Wahbi to see the Orillon Castle of which we had read in Byron. It was only half a mile away or even less, and stands practically jutting into the Lake, and here we discovered what a terrible people the Turks are. I bought a few picture postcards of the castle and the lake, just to be able to write home to the kids, and one or two small souvenirs. Naturally we started paying for them, but these Turks are such horrible tyrants that we had to give up the idea of paying in sheer despair, and from that moment onward it was not possible for us to pay for a single thing during all the time that we were at Territet, Montreux and Geneva. Hotel bills, porters, boat tickets, railway tickets, taxis—there was nothing for which we did not try to pay, and yet nothing for which we succeeded in paying. In sheer disgust I gave up the unequal struggle!

On our return from the Castle we were entertained at lunch, at which there were about 16 people, the contingent from Lausanne having come in full force. Contrary to expectations there was some speech making. In Turkish, Arabic, and of course my English. The former Turkish Minister in Switzerland presided, but the speech was made by Fuad Selim Bey in Arabic, practically the whole of which I could understand, and which even I found so pleasant and almost familiar

quite as dry as we could have wished; but there was no despair on any side, only a firm determination to bring about that greatest and most beneficent revolution of all, a revolution in our own lives so as to make them conform more to Islam than they do at present; and to rebuild the power and prestige of Islam. After lunch we chatted in small groups for a couple of hours and then went to the Lake to catch the boat to Geneva.

The boat journey takes about an hour longer than the train journey, but naturally it is far more pleasant, though the railway also passes through most pleasant scenes, and for the most part skirts the lake. We passed all the pleasant little places that lie on the edge of the lake, and reached Geneva after 9 o'clock, having had one of the pleasantest meals on the boat on a moonlight night, the moon having been full I think on that night.

From the boat we went straight to the Hotel de l'Angleterre, where the English Labour Party people were stopping. Dr. Wahbi had telephoned to this hotel asking them to reserve accommodation for us, but as it was already full the people there got rooms for us at the next door Hotel Beau Rivage, where Robert Smillie was stopping. However, I met Adamson and Neil McLean and asked them to arrange if possible that I should be given a hearing by the International. This they promised to do, though they were not certain whether they could secure it, as the International had quite a lot to do in the way of settling not only the disputes between the French and the Belgians on the one side and the Germans on the other, but also between the Second International, that is themselves, and the Third International at Moscow, that is the Bolsheviks. It was a forlorn hope, and in spite of great efforts by Adamson and Neil McLean, I have just learned finally that a hearing is not possible. Perhaps if I had stayed on a day or two myself I might have secured it, as I did at the Labour Conference at Scarborough; but I had to rush back to Paris.

A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

But before we left Switzerland I had one very pleasant experience which I shall always treasure. Do you remember a letter I had received in the "Comrade" days at Delhi from an Egyptian lady, by the name of Zibah Khatoun, from Cairo, appreciating the constructive work that the "Comrade" had been doing, and wishing there was some one in Egypt to do the same work for our brothers and sisters there? That letter I had always carried in my attaché case, and I was very sorry on finding, after our release, that it was no longer in the attaché case, but that perhaps the police, when they searched our things after our arrest, had carried it away. I had always been anxious to hear more of this good Muslim lady who had written to me this charming letter, not the least charming characteristic of which was the evident shyness of the writer in corresponding with a stranger, even though he was like her a Muslim. I had asked his Highness Mahomed Ali Pasha also about her, but had not been able to find anything, though she is a near cousin.

While going to Geneva by the boat, Essad Fuad Bey, who accompanied us, mentioned Tousseoum Pasha and his wife, which reminded me that Zibah Khatoun was the sister of Prince Tousseoum's wife; so I enquired of him if he knew a lady by the name of Zibah Khatoun, and imagine my surprise when he told me eagerly that she was his wife, and had perhaps corresponded with me before her marriage about two years ago. I was delighted, and I found that it was at her urgent request that we had been invited to Switzerland; as it was, she was not being well and could not stand the heat at Territet and had the fore gone up to a place called Caux, which could be reached by hydraulic lift sort of a railway, and another railway worked by cog-wheels, in about a quarter of an hour. So Essad telephoned from Geneva to Territet saying that we would come straight from Geneva to Caux and have tea with the Princess. This we did, and had the most enjoyable quarter of an hour that we passed in this most enjoyable sojourn of ours in Switzerland. She is a dear lady—very simple and quiet and a thorough Moslemah. I have got two photographs of hers, one for mother and you, and one for Amy and myself, and I am going to send her, at her request and her dear husband's, (a fine big fellow), two copies of the Holy Quran, translated by my name-sake.

On our return from Caux, we met our friends again and after several pleasant conversations with some animated groups, went to Montreux, only about a mile away, to catch the Orient Express, in which berths had been booked and tickets taken for us by our hosts, of course at their own expense. Even the telegrams to India and London about our visit to the Vatican had been paid for by them!

At the station we found that the train was an hour late, which delighted us greatly, as it gave us more time to be together and it was with very tearful eyes that we bid goodbye to so many and such good Mussulmans that we had met in Switzerland.

Rome was unpleasantly hot, but the warmth of our reception by more than a dozen brothers in Faith had exceeded the heat of Rome, and made it not only bearable, but most pleasant. Here too we had just the same kind of dear friends to welcome us, and in the pleasantest of weather, and in the pleasantest of spots. Although we did a fair amount of work in Rome, we could count the visit to Rome and Switzerland as a holiday also, for it was really a genuine rest on account of the pleasant company of our friends.

PROPOSED VISIT TO M. MILLERAND.

I waited here for two or three days for the telegram which Adamson had promised to send me to let me know whether they could secure me a hearing at Geneva or not, and it was only yesterday that I received it, via London. In the meantime Patel had wired that he wanted to meet me here on the 5th. So I had to stay until this morning, and after seeing him off I had intended to return to London after about six weeks' absence, which is more than I really ever intended, or liked. I have had to postpone my departure over to-day, because it is possible that I may see M. Millerand to-day or to-morrow. The gentleman who introduced me to M. Leger, the former French Minister

of the Navy, some time ago was very much interested in our visit to the Vatican, and he took a copy of the cable I had sent to India to show to the officials at the Quai d'Orsay. It is he who is trying to arrange an interview with M. Millerand. M. Peretty who had received us on M. Millerand's behalf last April is taking my letter asking for an appointment, to Versailles, where M. Millerand has gone during the Parliamentary recess. He is lunching with him and I shall get a reply by 4 o'clock to-day. If I can see him to-day or to-morrow I shall place my views finally before him and make one last appeal; otherwise I go away to-morrow to London, where I shall similarly try to see Montagu and perhaps also Lloyd George, though I am doubtful if any purpose can be served by our seeing Lloyd George. Curzon's speech in the House of Lords will show to you how he feels towards the Turks and Islam, and although one can hope that Lloyd George may perhaps revert to his attitude of the early part of 1918, one can have no hope from men like Curzon who dominate the foreign policy of England to-day.

Long before this letter reaches you, you will have got my wire that I intend to send you to-day saying that although the other day I strongly recommended Adamson's suggestion of our sending six Labour M.P.'s to India for the Special Congress, I find that I would prefer them to come for the Congress session itself in December, and Spoor favours the same idea. In deference to their arguments I am willing to withdraw my suggestion.

Yes, I can scent even from here the oncoming storm of repression, but it is no use worrying about it, and we must all face it as cheerfully and calmly as you are doing to-day.

None likes to lose life or liberty, but neither life nor liberty can compensate one for the loss of one's soul. I am going to see Montagu and frankly ask him whether he thinks repression will succeed, and whether, as an honest man, he can justify repression by his subordinates and agents in India. I am afraid he has been unnerved by that unscrupulous agitation in favour of General Dyer which was launched not perhaps so much in the hope of getting Dyer reinstated, as in the expectation of taking revenge on Gandhiji and on the rest of us who work with him.

I am sorry that the Police in India have taken to opening our letters; but they could have spared themselves the trouble if they had only asked me to send one of the carbon copies which I take to Scotland Yard or the India Office or direct to the Police Commissioner at Bombay. We have always lived in the open air, and it is in the open air that we thrive best. There was absolutely nothing in my letter to Amy sent with Abassi; it was just an ordinary letter scribbled off in a hurry after the Kingsway Hall meeting, on account of which I had missed writing to her in time for the mail. I have no secrets to convey even to you, much less to her, and it was Abassi's coming in to have a bit of supper with us after the meeting that suggested to me the idea of giving him the letter after I had missed the mail.

EUROPEAN JOURNALISM.

I find that after having kept my letters entirely to yourself for so long, you have now taken to sending them in their entirety to the newspapers. But surely everything is not intended for publication, and I was considerably embarrassed in reading extracts from one in "The Times" not because there was anything the publication of which would trouble me, but because there was a reference to Ahmed Riza Bey, which I should not like him to come across. Of course, the worst part of "The Times" publication was not what I had said, but what "The Times" itself misrepresented; but that is only to be expected from such unscrupulous fiends as these journalists. Really European journalism to-day is for the most part disgraceful. "The Times", which would not publish a single line from us when we send it ourselves, is anxious to reprint extracts from private letters of mine, and what is worse, its own scrupulous paraphrase of what I write, and its still more unscrupulous interpretation of it. "The Morning Post" too has had a leading article in which both you and I are mentioned. All this is done with a view to urge repression and naturally Gandhiji and we are intended to be the first victims. They have done this kind of thing before with little satisfaction to themselves, and they are welcome to do it again; but I can assure them they will get still less satisfaction to-day.

And now I say goodbye. This is not a letter, but a whole budget, and I would not have spent so much time over it if I had very much to do.

We only await your commands, asking us to come back. In the meantime Musheer and I are arranging for some work to be continued both in Paris and in London when we are gone. I do hope your wire will come within a week asking us to return, as I should very much like to be in India now. In fact if I could be sure of getting a boat next week, I should have left so as to be in time for the Special Session of the Congress; but evidently you do not want us there for the Special Session, as you have never sent the least suggestion about it to us, and on the whole I think it was just as well that we spent August in Europe, watching the developments that are taking place. (A paper publishes to-day that the signature is again postponed and that *sine die*.)

NEED FOR WORKERS.

There is always need for workers here, and I wish two or three people remained here permanently, that is to say, relays of two or three may be sent from time to time. But for my own part I should like to be back in India. Europe is now beginning to pad upon me, and I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to the return home, even though the home-coming would not be a very pleasant one. As we approached Rome the outlook began to resemble India more and more, and I wished I could have taken the first boat from Brindisi and sailed for India, instead of returning to Paris and London.

Hayat is sending you cuttings from French, Swiss and Italian papers, giving my interviews; but I have very little heart left in this kind of work now, and would like to be with you all to share your sufferings. Little though Amy would credit it, do assure her from me that I am looking for

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PATHANS ASSAULTED AT KALYAN.

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The prosecution case was that on 12th May last three Pathans who had come down to Bombay from Meerut went in search of employment to the Tata workshops situated near the Kalyan railway station. Seeing them a large crowd armed with sticks, shovels and spades swooped upon them and so mercilessly belaboured them that one of them by the name of Fragalmod died on the spot, while the other two sustained such serious injuries that they had to be removed to the Thana Civil Hospital, where they were detained for treatment as indoor-patients. The attack on the Pathans, it appears, was the result of a strong and exciting rumour in circulation at the time in the Thana District that a gang of Pathans were prowling about for the purpose of kidnapping children for sacrifice to the Goddess Bhawani or Kalimata. There is a deeprooted idea amongst certain classes of ignorant people that without such human sacrifice no big undertaking such as the building of a mill or bridge would prove a success. So when the men saw the three Pathans near the workshop they took them for members of the gang who it was rumoured were carrying on the kidnapping campaign and wreaked their revenge on them.

The jury having returned an unanimous verdict of "not guilty" in favour of all the four accused on the ground that there was no reliable evidence against them they were acquitted.

In this case the First Class Magistrate of Subsette in committing the accused to the Sessions made some remarks regarding the apathy of the police. His Worship said he had waited for the two Pathans who were assaulted together with the deceased "and whose evidence was most important and direct. But they had not been produced. Their disappearance appeared to be due to the slackness of the police. They did not seem to have taken proper care to note down the places of their residence or their proper addresses or their statements or to get information from them so long they were in the Thana Civil Hospital for treatment."

Two other Pathans also were gone to death at Bhivndi near Kalyan as a result of the rumour for which it appears there was not the least foundation. No child was ever reported to the police to have been kidnapped by Pathans. However, now even those who believed the canard to be gospel truth are convinced that it was utterly false and all the excitement has subsided and the Pathans are again peacefully pursuing their avocations without let or hindrance.

MUNICIPAL REFORM IN BOMBAY.

IMPORTANT ADVANCE CONTEMPLATED

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

The Government of Bombay has been giving close and careful consideration to the whole important question of Municipal administration, and an interesting announcement on this subject may very shortly be expected. From time to time representations have been made to Government as to the desirability of amending the constitution of specified Municipalities, and it is believed it will now be found that the Governor-in-Council has decided that the time is ripe for a definite step forward in the direction of liberalising and strengthening the constitution of all Municipalities, so far as is practicable under the Bombay District Municipal Act of 1901. The policy already initiated of reducing the qualifying tax will probably be applied on a much wider scale.

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PRESIDENTSHIP OF NAGPUR CONGRESS.

SUGGESTIONS INVITED.

The Secretary of the Reception Committee of the Nagpur Congress writes:—

The Reception Committee, Nagpur, requests all Provincial Congress Committees to suggest immediately names for the presidency of the ensuing Nagpur Congress. These names when received will be forthwith communicated to the Provincial Committees and they will be requested to make a final selection, suggesting one name each. The Reception Committee meets on 10th October to elect its chairman and also the president. The matter is very urgent.

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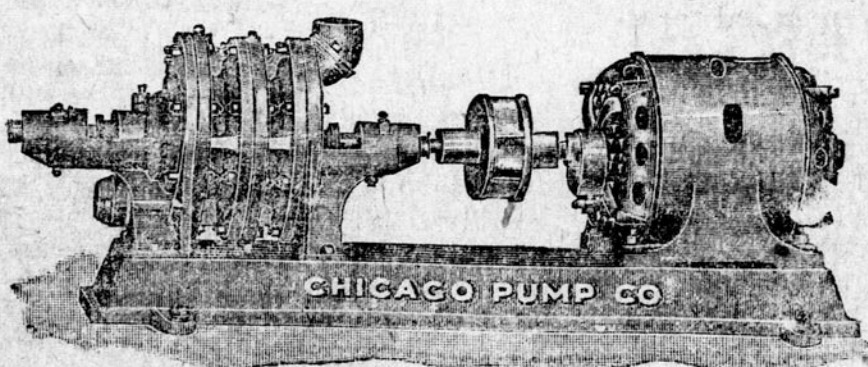
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LALA MURLIDHAR.
RETURNS BADGE AND MEDAL.

A correspondent writes to us:—
Lala Murlidhar, Vakil, High Court, Ambala City, returned the title of Rai Sahib badge and Kaiser-i-Hind medal to the Punjab Government along with a letter stating some causes and reasons few days back, which was published in the leading newspapers of the Province. In this very connection L. Murlidhar Sahib received the interesting letter from Q. Q. Henriques, Esq., I.C.S., Deputy Commissioner, Ambala, which I give below for the information of the public together with the Lala's reply to it:—
Letter from D. C., Ambala, No. 5827/17 dated 3-9-20.
To Lala Murlidhar, Pleader, Ambala City.
Sir,
With reference to your reply, dated the 30th August, 1920, I have the honour to enquire if you wish your name to be struck off all the lists of Government title-holders, etc., and to be removed from the list of Licensed Pleaders.
I have, etc.,
(Sd.) R. Richlial, Superintendent, for Deputy Commissioner.
Reply given by Lala Murlidharji to the above letter:—
Ambala City.
To The Deputy Commissioner, Ambala.
Sir,
With reference to your letter No. 5827/17, dated 3rd September, 1920, I have the honour to state that the renunciation of title, and the return of badge and Kaiser-i-Hind medal, are acts which admit of no ambiguity as regards my intentions and consequently, my name should necessarily be struck off all lists of Government title-holders. I, however, wonder how the other question, namely, the removal of my name from the list of Licensed Pleaders suggested itself to you. There is not the slightest indication of the kind in my letter of the 30th August and though I long since retired from the practice of law, I do not see my way to give up what is obviously a "right" by virtue of my passing a prescribed test and not a "gift" as your letter seems to convey.
In conclusion, I request you to have removed my name from the list of Notaries Public of the Ambala District as well.
I have, etc., etc.,
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Agriculturists met in public meeting on the 19th instant wired His Excellency the Governor of Bombay to appoint a representative commission consisting of two officials and three non-officials elected direct by district agricultural public to enquire into the causes of the deplorable agricultural decay, alarming depopulation in numerous villages, decrease of cattle, grazing difficulties and harassment of ryots instead of appointing a special official investigation as contemplated by Government, since the official investigation alone would not reveal the real situation and remedy proposed by the official investigator might prove inadequate, even illusory. Agriculturists suggested the appointment of a commission on the same lines as for the appointments for the Thane and Colaba districts made during Lord Reay's regime.

THE CURRENCY MUDDLE.
MR. MADON'S REPLY.
TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."
Sir—My attention has been drawn to two letters by Mr. Praphulla Chandra Basu in your paper in defence of the Currency policy of the Government. Mr. Basu is, I understand, a professor of Economics, and should, therefore, understand the fundamentals of the question better than ordinary men. Before trying to refute the many half truths that he has trotted forward I would first like to ask him:
(a) Does he know what debasing of Currency is?
(b) Does he know why it is always condemned?
(c) Is he aware that it is so condemned, because such manipulation of Currency changes the relation between debtor and creditor and thereby causes great injustice to one of the two parties to a contract?
(d) Is he aware that such debasing is only resorted to by bankrupt Governments to add to their resources?
(e) Is he aware that the present manipulation of our Currency changes the relations between debtor and creditor exactly as all debasing does?
(f) Is he aware that it adds to the resources of the Indian Government exactly as debasing does in the case of standard coins?
(g) Does he understand that the policy now adopted is therefore nothing more or less than a debasing of the Currency through the token?
(h) Does he approve of such debasing, particularly when as in the present case the party wronged is not the wealthier classes of the country, but the poor toiling masses?
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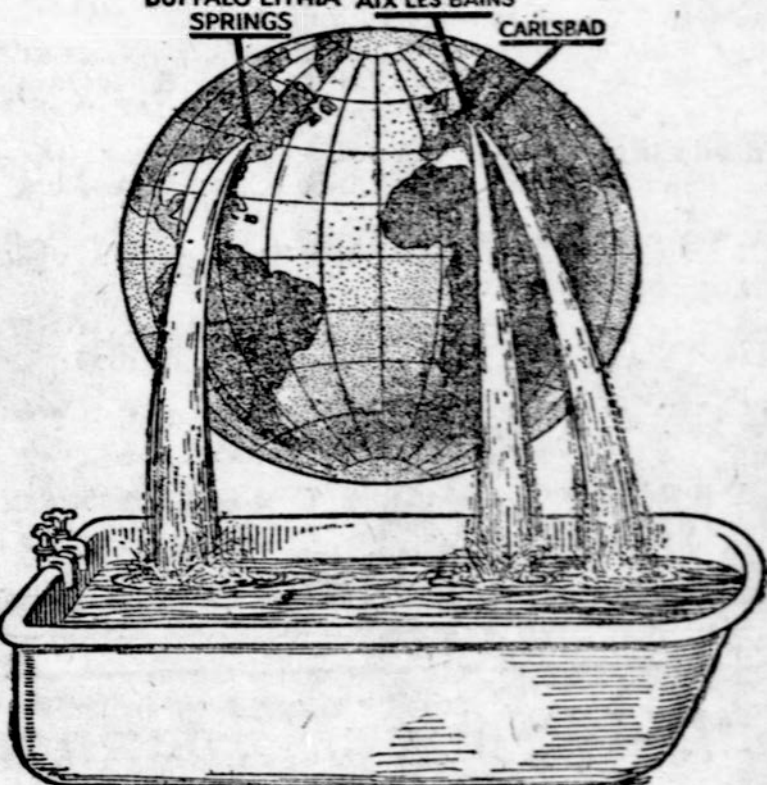
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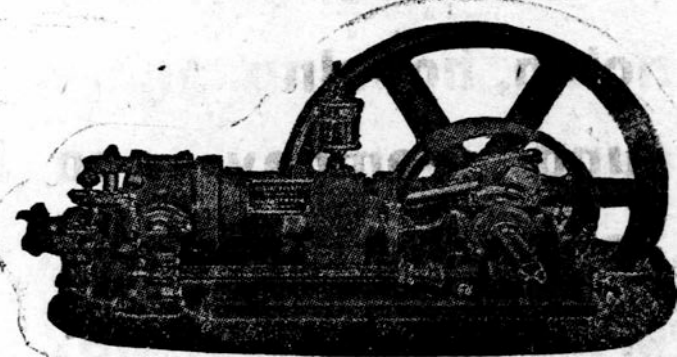
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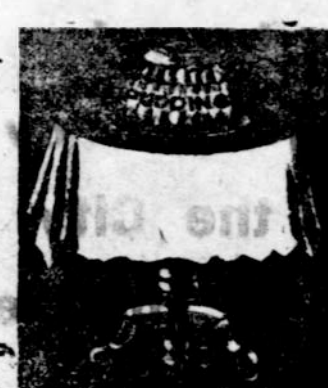
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